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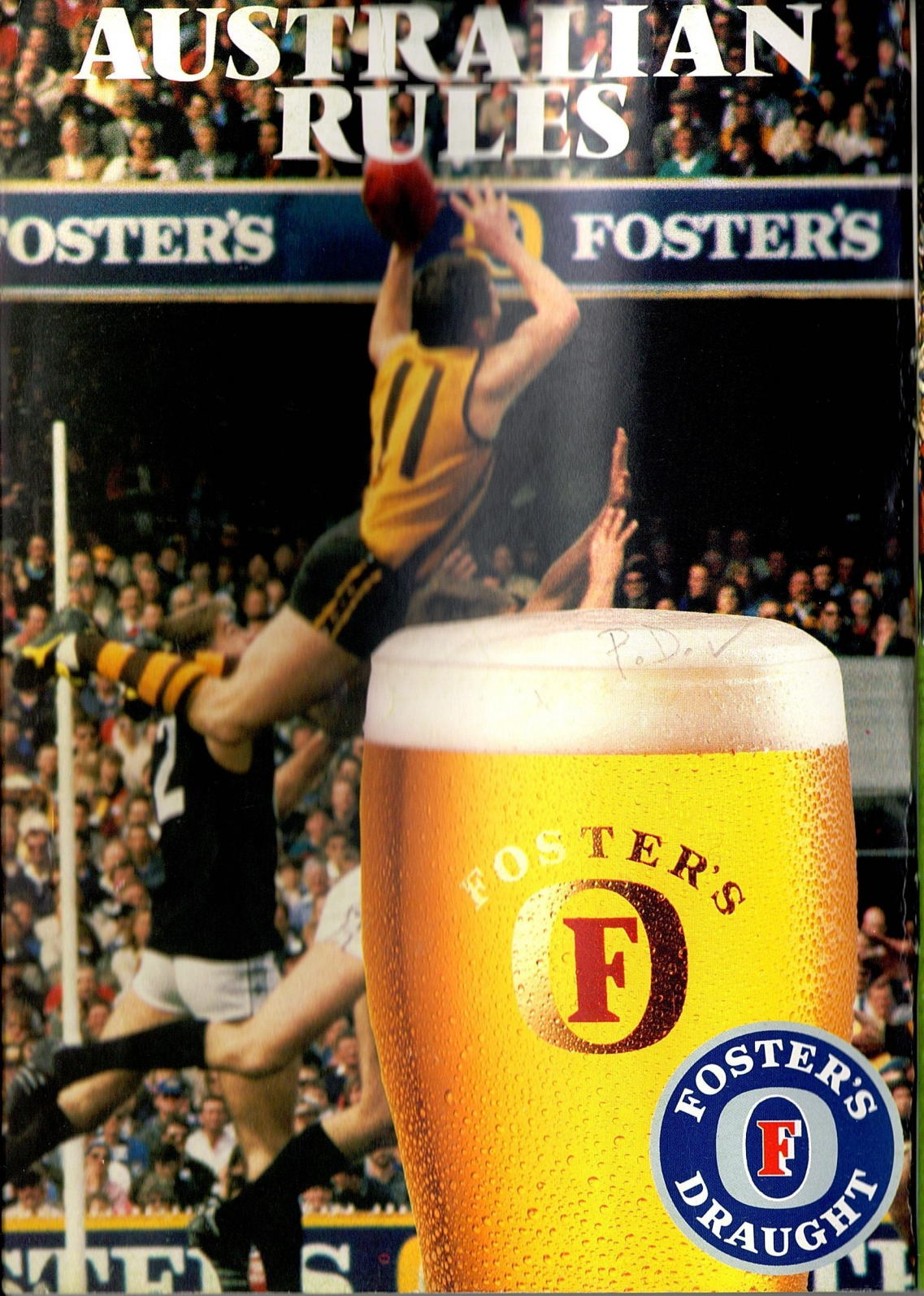
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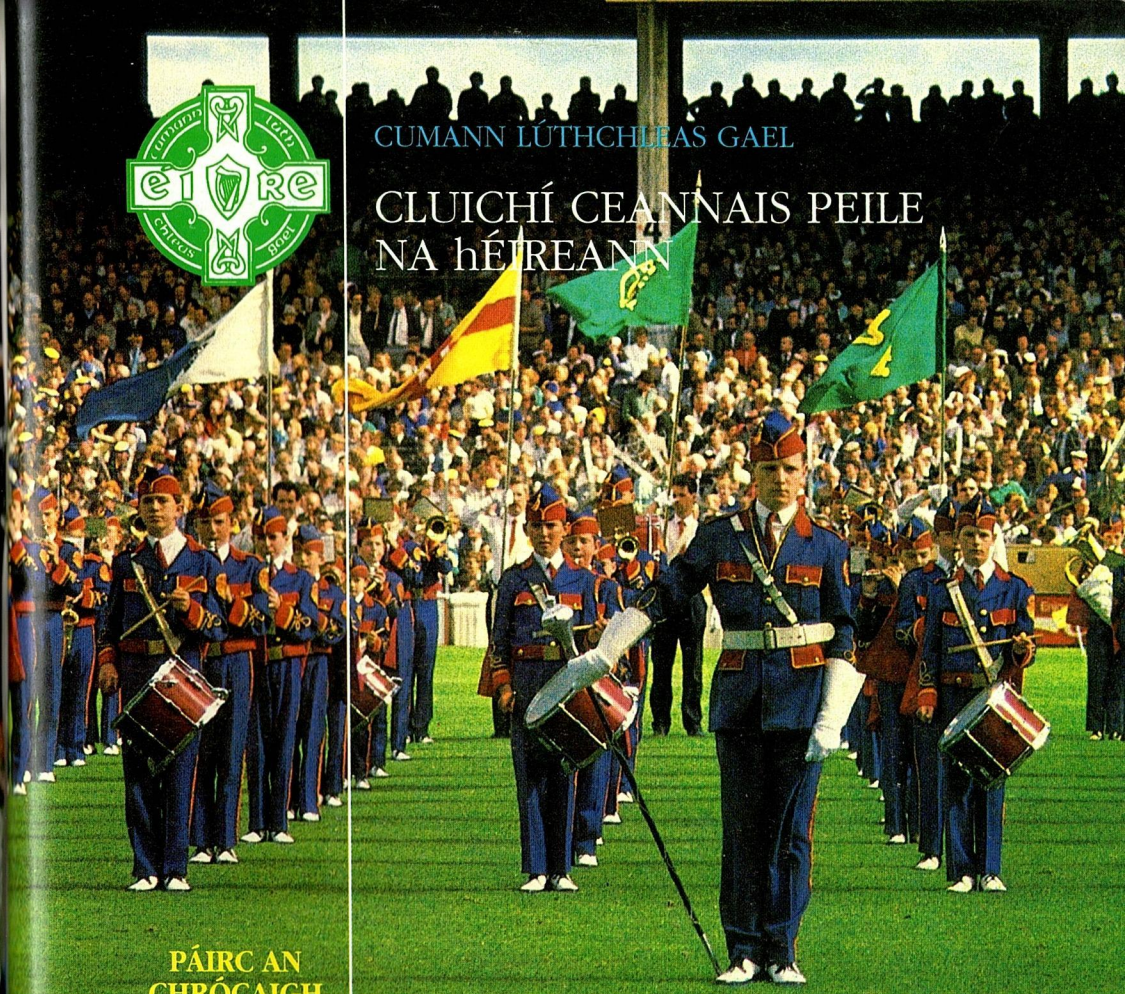
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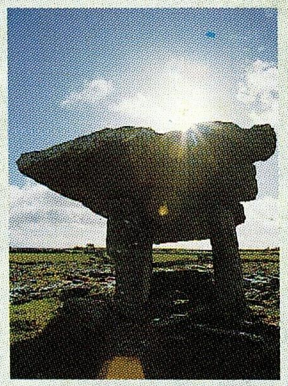
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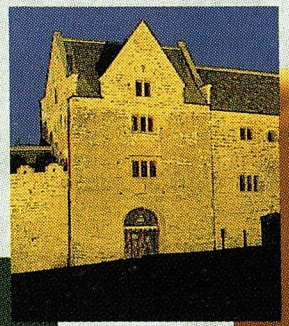
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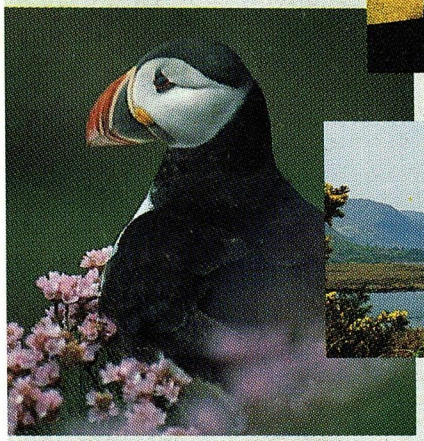
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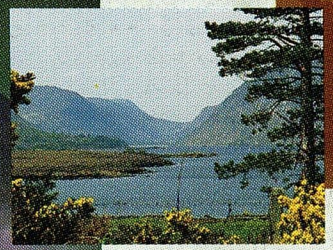


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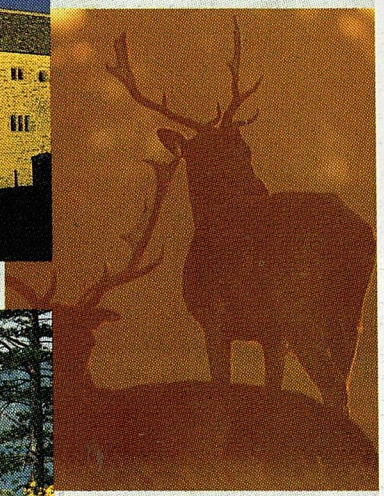


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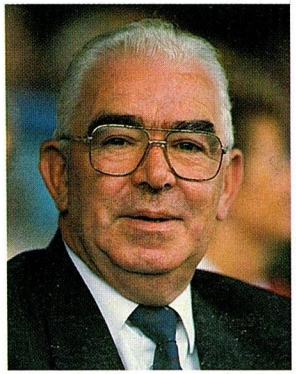
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It is indeed a pleasure for me to be afforded this opportunity to extend this message to all our patrons here today, to those who are watching or listening to the games countrywide and to all the Gaels overseas who are joining us for one of the great sporting occasions.

I would of course like to extend a special welcome to all four teams participating today. Cork have been here for the past two finals and are this year creating their own piece of history by contesting a final on three consecutive years for the first time. Few counties have contributed as much to Gaelic games as "the rebel" county. Whether in hurling or football the county is rarely far away from ultimate honours. Mayo have captured the coveted "Sam" on only three previous occasions. In doing so they brought credit to our games and culture and created a mystique that is surely unique. Names like Kenny and Moclair, Flanagan and Prendergast are still familiar and revered names many decades after their achievements. The county is part of the very essence of the G.A.A. and their return to Croke Park on Final Day is long overdue and welcomed by all who follow and love our games.

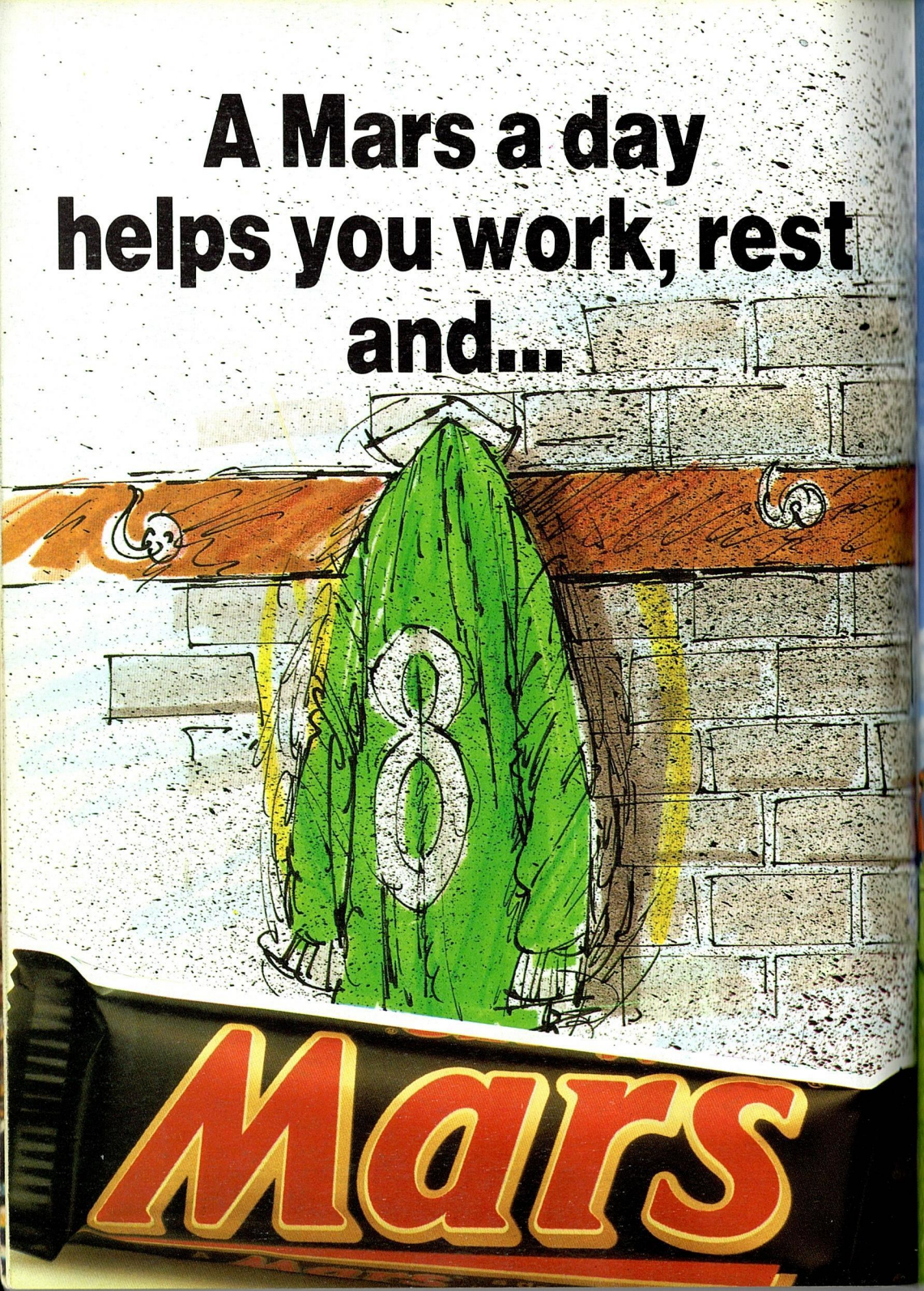
In the Minor Final we have Derry and Offaly. Derry have a great tradition in this grade and today's team follows a proud lineage of many past teams from the county. It is difficult for me to speak of Offaly without appearing chauvinistic. The county is appearing in its second minor final this year and has in recent years achieved success far out of proportion with the size and population of the county. Both Derry and Offaly deserve every credit. They continue to be cornerstones of Gaelic games and the G.A.A. and they maintain a proud tradition.

By their very presence here today all the teams are winners and irrespective of the outcome there are no losers. I look forward to great sporting games which will add further to the illustrious All-Irelands of the past and I sincerely hope that today's games will linger long in the memory as classics in their code.

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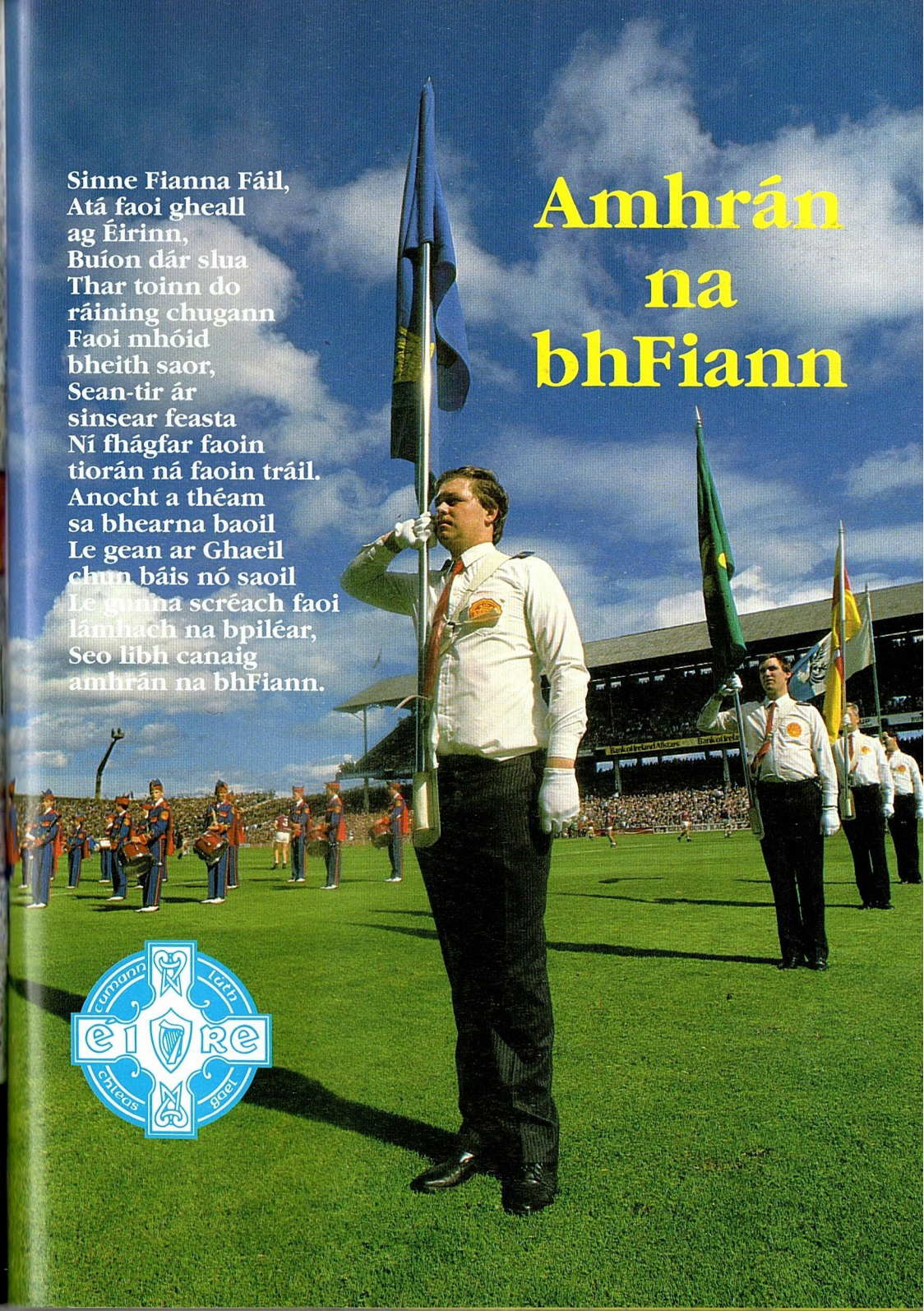
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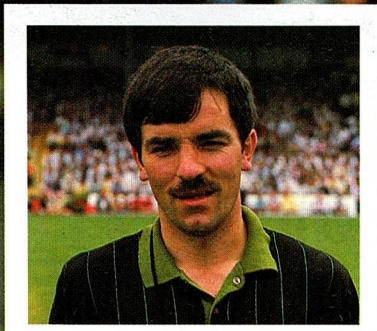
Na Réitoirí

SENIOR REFEREE

Paddy Collins

(IAR MHÍ)

A native of Athboy, Co. Meath, he has been living in Mullingar for many years and is secretary of the Westmeath County Board. he refereed the All-Ireland Minor Final in 1974 between Cork and Mayo and two Senior Finals in 1976 and 1984. He also refereed this year's League Final in New York.



MINOR REFEREE

Paddy Russell

(TIOBRAID ÁRANN)

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1.28p.m.	Arrival of An Taoiseach, Mr C. J. Haughey, T.D.
1.30p.m.	**Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann** — Start of Minor Football Final.
2.08p.m.	I.N.T.O. Small Hurling Games Exhibition.
2.40p.m.	Minor game ends.
2.48p.m.	Introduction of the Galway '64, '65, '66 Jubilee Teams by Mick Dunne.
2.55p.m.	Artane Band musical recitial.
3.18p.m.	Arrival of Uachtarán na hÉireann, A. Dr. Pádraig Ó hIrghile.
3.20p.m.	Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the Cork and Mayo teams.
3.28p.m.	Amhrán na bhFiann.
3.30p.m.	**Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann** — Senior game begins.
4.06p.m.	Musical entertainment.
4.50p.m.	Senior game ends.
4.55p.m.	Presentation of Sam Maguire Trophy to winning Captain.

G.A.A./I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens Exhibition

The Mini-Sevens games which take place during today's programme are the culmination of a series of Primary School games which were organised at local, county and provincial level. The children participating today were chosen on the basis of their skilful performance at provincial level. Ba mhaith leis an gCumann Lúthchleas Gael buíochas a ghabháil leis na munteoirí uilig a chabhraigh chun an scéim seo a chur i gcrích.

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(Red and White) Railway End

1. AIDAN KINNAHAN, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
2. BERNARD McALEENAN, Castlewellan, Co. Down.
3. STUART PARKER, Campile, Co. Wexford.
4. DAVID KELLY, Ballydangan, Athlone, Co. Roscommon.
5. ALAN DUFFY, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan.
6. JOHN DWYER, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
7. JOHN FOLEY, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
8. KELLY RYAN, Riverside, Galway.
9. MARK RADLEY, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
10. FERGAL DONNELLAN, Ballymote, Co. Sligo

MANAGER:
Ben Dorney, Cork.

BOYS FOOTBALL
(Green and Red) Railway End.

1. JOHN TIMONEY, Ballina, Co. Mayo
2. SEAMUS DANIELS, Carbury, Co. Kildare
3. BRIAN McGUIKAN, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.
4. FRANCIS DUIGNAN, Foxfield, Co. Leitrim
5. JONATHAN MULHOLLAND, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
6. PAUL WADE, Kilrush, Co. Clare.
7. TOM BREWSTER, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.
8. ANTHONY RYAN, Co. Westmeath.
9. SEAMUS SMYTH, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
10. BARRY MOONEY, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

MANAGER:
Terry McGinty, (Mayo).

GIRLS FOOTBALL
(Red and White), Canal End.

1. JACQUELINE REDMOND, Donaghmede, Dublin.
2. ANN GAVAN, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan.
3. ELAINE SISK, Aghada, Co. Cork.
4. EDEL COOGAN, Ballindoon, Co. Sligo
5. MICHELLE FEE, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.
6. ELAINE ENGLISH, Raheen, Co. Limerick.
7. BRID GLACKIN, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
8. EDEL STAPELTON, Donaghmede, Dublin.
9. MAIRE NÍ DHEA, Whitegate, Co. Cork.
10. SUSAN GASKIN, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.

MANAGER:
Margaret Grant, Dublin.

GIRLS FOOTBALL
(Green and Red) Canel End.

1. TANYA DUIGNAN, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.
2. HELENA WILSON, Tuam, Co. Galway.
3. CHAIRMAINE COONEY, Donamon, Co. Roscommon.
4. JOANNE McKENNA, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
5. MARY O'BRIEN, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.
6. LYNN DAVIS, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
7. AMY BENNETT, Navan, Co. Meath.
8. LORRAINE BYRNE, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.
9. LINDA FITZSIMONS, Navan, Co. Meath.
10. CHRISTINA LAFFERTY, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.

MANAGER:
Mary Kavanagh, Dublin.

NA COIRN

THE SAM MAGUIRE CUP

The first game for the "Sam Maguire" was the 1928 final between Kildare, then defending All-Ireland champions, and Cavan played on September 30 at Croke Park before an attendance of 24, 700.

Kildare fielded the same team that had won the title in 1927, but looked uncertain in the early stages as Cavan built up a three points lead. A goal by Billy Mangan, however, revived the champions hopes, and at the interval they were ahead by 1-2 to 0-3.

The exchanges were keen in the second half, and coming up to the final whistle the scores were tied at 2-5 each. However, Mangan again popped up for a vital Kildare score by sending the ball over the bar to earn his side an historic 2-6 to 2-5 win.

Bill "Squires" Gannon led Kildare from midfield to the title to become the first man to be presented with the trophy. He received the Cup from a Dr. Patrick McCartan, a close friend of Sam Maguire, and a member of a committee that made arrangements for the provision of the trophy.

Sam Maguire was born of Protestant parents in Dunmanway, Co. Cork, in 1879. On leaving school he joined the Civil Service and was assigned to duty in London.

He became actively involved in the affairs of the G.A.A., and was an accomplished footballer as well. He helped London in the All-Ireland finals of 1900, 1901 and 1902. Later still he became actively involved in the War of Independence.

Maguire returned to his native Dunmanway late in 1924, and died there in February 1927. He is buried in the Church of Ireland cemetery in Dunmanway.



A Committee was subsequently formed to raise funds for a trophy to commemorate Sam Maguire and so the association with the Cup and the All-Ireland final began in 1928.

The winners of the final were presented with that trophy each year up to and including 1987 when Meath beat Cork for their fourth success since 1949.

A new trophy was awarded for the 1988 final, and Meath became the first winners to complete the second leg of what will now rank as a unique Sam Maguire Cup double.

KERRY SHOW WAY

Kerry are the Sam Maguire Cup specialists. They first inscribed their name on the plinth in 1929, and took the Cup for the 23rd time in 1986.

Galway brought the trophy West for the first win in 1934, and Mayo joined the ranks of winners two years later and also captured their initial All-Ireland crown.

Cork had to wait until modern times for a first Cup win - 1945. Their only other triumph in the meantime was in 1973 when Billy Morgan, now team manager, led the Rebel County from goal to their final win over Galway.

THE WEST'S LAST GLORY DAY

The last Sam Maguire Cup win by a Connacht county was in 1966 when a great Galway side, led by Enda Colleran, better known these days as a panelist on THE SUNDAY GAME, beat Meath to complete a sequence of three All-Ireland senior titles in succession.

MAYO DOUBLE

Mayo's return to the final action brings into focus the fact that the county's last Sam Maguire Cup appearance in 1951 saw Sean Flanagan take his place in an elite company of title winning captains.

Joe Barrett (Kerry), 1929 and 1932, was the first footballer to be twice presented with the trophy. Jimmy Murray led Roscommon to their only all-Ireland championship victories in 1943 and 1944, and John Joe O'Reilly captained Cavan's championship winning teams

of 1947 - won in New York - and 1948.
Flanagan led Mayo to the 1950 and 1951 successes, and the 1966 win marked Enda Colleran's second successive season to skipper Sam Maguire cup winning teams.

The only footballer to have been twice presented with the Cup in the meantime is Tony Hanahoe, Dublin's captain in 1976 and 1977.

THE TOM MARKHAM CUP

The winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship receive the Tom Markham Cup. The trophy commemorates a Dublin Gael, Tom Markham, and was first presented for the 1940 final, although the Minor Championship has inauguration in 1929. Louth were the initial winners of the Markam Cup, and in somewhat the same pattern as in the senior championship, they have not managed to collect the Cup in the meantime.

Dublin have won the trophy more times than any other county with nine successes. Next come Cork and Kerry with seven Cup successes each. Offaly are hoping chalk up Leinster's first success since Dublin won the Centenary Year championship in 1984. Down brought the Cup North for the last time in 1987.

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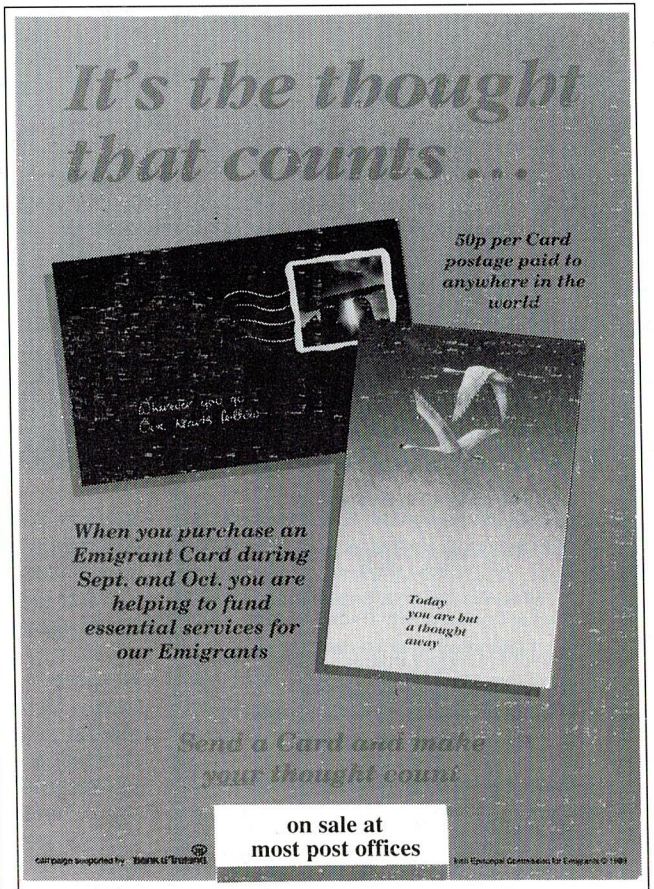
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THE FINAL CHALLENGE IN A GREAT CORK RUN

History beckons yet again for Cork as they strive to go one better than in their All-Ireland senior football finals against Meath in 1987 and last year. As holders of the Royal Liver National League title, they are in line for a first-ever League and championship double in the same year.

The Leesiders have already marked the championship run with two "Famous Firsts". Their win over Kerry at Killarney resulted in a first sequence of three successive Munster titles, and on their last Croke Park outing they scored a first senior championship win over Dublin. Nevertheless, it is true to say that the success story will lose much of its sparkle if Billy Morgan's men fail to bring the Blue Riband to the Leeside for the first time since 1973. Such a development would be harsh on the players and the backroom boys after their tremendous efforts in forging out the earlier achievements, but it is an indication of the important status of the Sam Maguire Cup.

Success in any year tends to be measured mainly in terms of All-Ireland final glory. And, for the red-jersey brigade there is the added factor that should they again fail to scale the Everest of football heights, many will despair of seeing the county achieve such a feat in the near future.

More than the usual at stake for Cork football in this game, but this is the type of challenge that should bring an extra special response from the players. After all, in firmly putting the bitter disappointment of last October's final replay failure to Meath firmly behind them, they have carved out their own special niches with those history-making triumphs at Killarney and headquarters.

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Only one of the side that saw off the Dubs last time out — that was a game in which Cork were short some key players because of injury — lacked All-Ireland senior final experience — Michael Slocum. However, he was on duty in the half back line in the Royal Liver League "Home" final in April against Dublin, and in the final proper in New York, and has gained further invaluable big-match craft in the run-in to the Sam Maguire Cup tie.

There is a tremendous depth of All-Ireland final experience in the Cork side. Confidence and morale have been boosted with every win, and the League and Munster champions can also point to potential match-winners in every department.

All assets that send the hopes of Munster into the game better equipped than probably any side from Cork in any final so far.

And, with the players desperately anxious to compensate for the bitter disappointments of the last two years, a tremendous effort is assured to record the win that would put the final flourish to a year apart for Cork football.

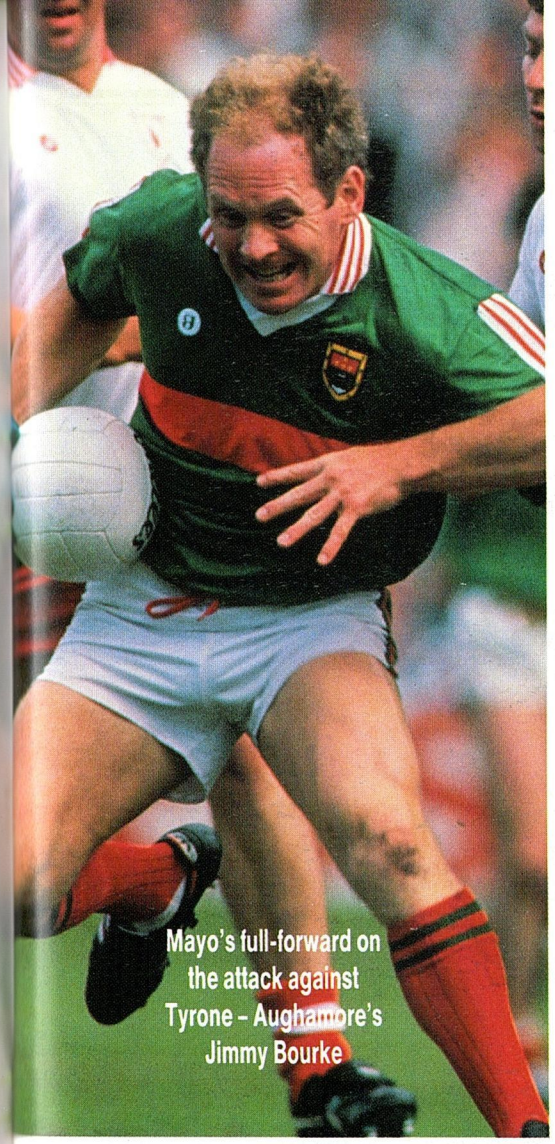
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Mayo's full-forward on the attack against Tyrone – Aughamore's Jimmy Bourke

FOUR AND LOST

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A year previously Mayo had a similar experience in the minor final in which they scored 4-3 to Tyrone's 4-4 — the only occasion in which the losers in an under-18 final raised four green flags.

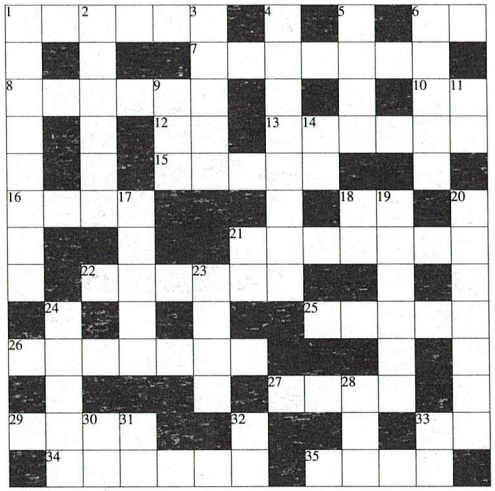
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1. A prominent dual player who has again this year appeared in the senior hurling and football championships (1,5).
6. A gifted defender who is starring these days in the same position in which his father carved out a reputation as one of the greatest-ever in this berth. Initials (1,1).
7. Victory today will do this for the winners in the Roll of Honour (7).
8. And, the players and supporters of the successful team will undoubtedly be this following the final whistle (6).
10. Dublin's centre half back in the 1974 All-Ireland final win, who in more recent years has been to the fore as a successful manager with the county's minor side. He managed the 1984 All-Ireland minor title winning side. Initials (1,1).
12. No team likes to concede this in a game (1,1).
13. Followers who are unable to attend a match are invariably very keen to learn this (6).
15. Cork and Mayo are in today's Sam Maguire Cup tie strictly on this (5).
16. A break from football — and over to handball. This will do for Novice Singles Softball Championship (1,1,1,1).
18. Pronoun. Singular of the first personal pronoun "I" (2).
21. John, from Crossmolina, was Mayo's centre half back in their two games with Dublin in the 1985 All-Ireland semi-final draw and replay (7).
22. A former All-Ireland senior football title winning captain, and now a leading team manager (6).
25. No longer reigning All-Ireland senior football champions (5).
26. This footballer went in as a substitute during Mayo's Connacht senior final replay win over Roscommon, wore the No. 17 jersey on the substitutes' bench against Tyrone, but did not appear during that semi-final (1,6).
27. Every team likes to have all their regulars on this in a major game (4).
29. An early goal conceded in a major final is often compared in boxing parlance to a thundering punch to this of a boxer (4).
33. Derry's right full back in their unsuccessful Ulster senior football semi-final against Donegal last June. His surname suggests youthfulness. Initials (1,1).
34. This colour will not be in evidence in the county senior team jersies today (6).
35. Ciaran was prominent with Tyrone in the senior football championship this season when he proved to be one of his team's leading scorers (4).

DOWN

1. Let full back in Mayo's 1988 Connacht senior football title winning team who has played in this year's series, but was a substitute against Tyrone (1,7).
2. Right full back for Cork in their win over Dublin last month. Be careful with the initial here for his Christian name (1,5).
3. In years gone by players often had to change gear alongside this (5).
4. Jimmy is one of Cork's longer-serving campaigners (8).
5. A player likes to get a good this from a colleague during a match (4).
6. A team's hopes in a major game are usually ... a severe blow when a leading player has to stand down because of an injury (5).
9. All All-Ireland club senior medalist with Nemo Rangers on St. Patrick's Day, who wore the No. 21 jersey for Cork on the substitutes bench against Dublin. He has, however, appeared in this season's senior championship. Initials (1,1,1).
11. Initials of one of the leading scorers in the game, who is again proving one of the finalists top marksmen this season (1,1).
14. This will do nicely for East Tyrone. Initials (1,1).
17. The latest Sam Maguire Cup tie looks like being this type of game in terms of the balance between the teams at the end (5).
18. Initials of one of Donegal's midfielders this season. It may help you to know that a Tyrone goalkeeper with the same surname won a Railway Cup medal with Ulster in 1970. Initials (1,1).
19. Dublin's left half back in the All-Ireland semi-final against Cork (1,5).
20. Christian name of Mayo's left full forward against Tyrone in last month's All-Ireland semi-final (7).
21. This is sufficient for Master of Arts (1,1).
23. The first part of the name of a famed Cork hurling club, and also the club of the late, great Christy Ring (4).
24. An outstanding midfielder currently in senior inter-county football (1,4).
28. Cork's haul of goals last month against Dublin in the semi-final (3).
30. For example (1,1).
31. A brief departure from football affairs. This hurler, after a distinguished career, made a new reputation for himself as a goal-getting substitute at All-Ireland level with Galway. Initials (1,1).
32. Initials of No. 1 across (1,1).
33. A superb marksman in football over the past decade or so, and winner of every major national medal in the game. Initials (1,1).

SOLUTION ON PAGE 72

At 7.57 am, on Thursday, 19th July, 1984, an earthquake struck the east coast of Ireland. Recording 5.5 on the Richter scale, the tremor lasted some 5 to 10 seconds, depending on location. Houses shook in Dublin but it caused little or no damage and, thankfully, no casualties

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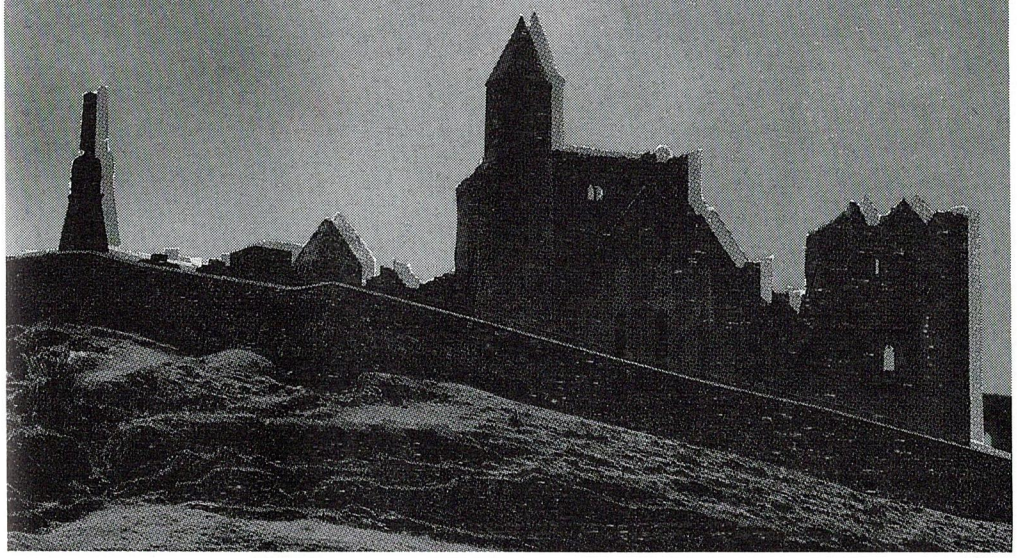
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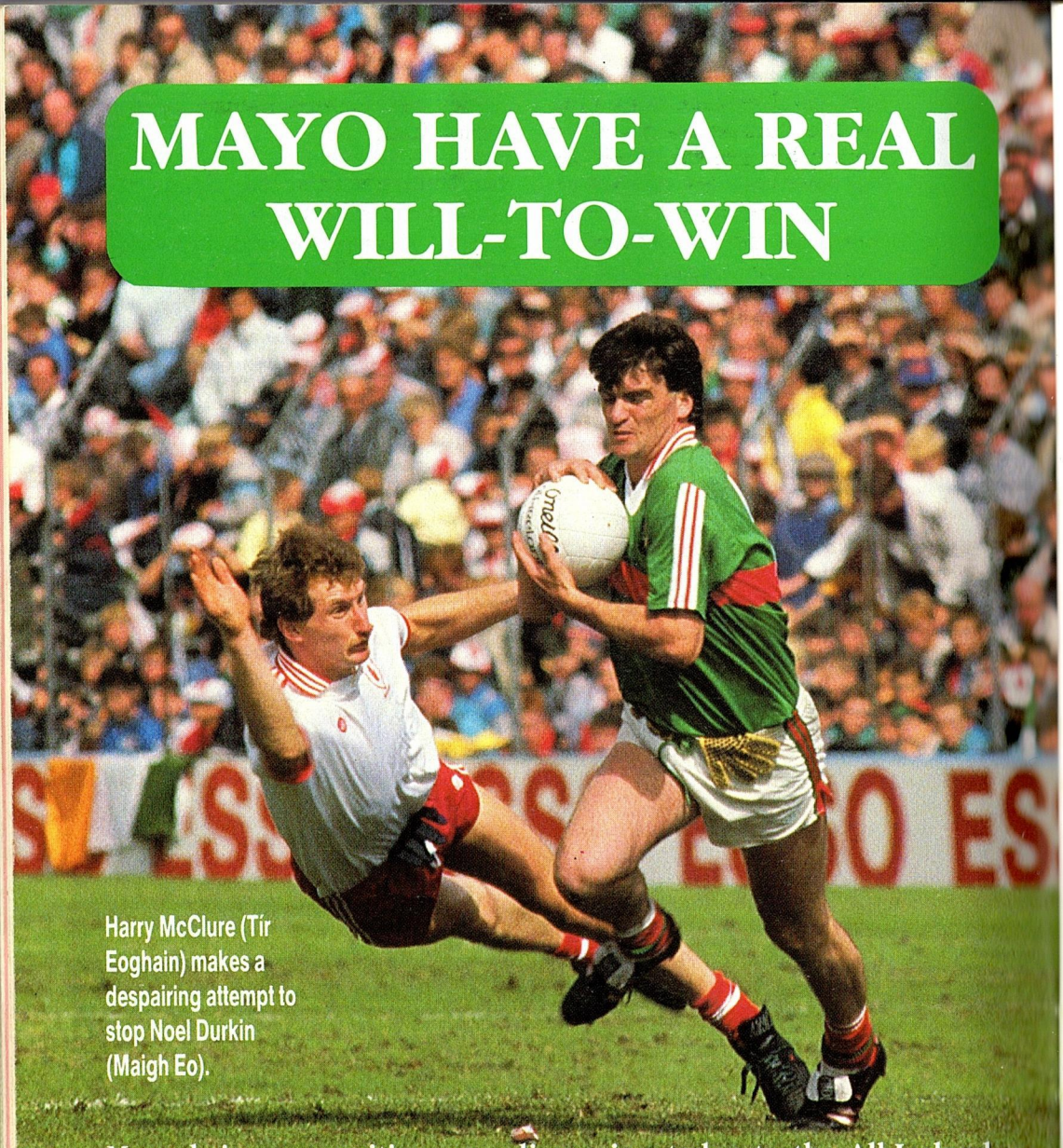
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MAYO HAVE A REAL WILL-TO-WIN



Harry McClure (Tír Eoghain) makes a despairing attempt to stop Noel Durkin (Maigh Eo).

Mayo bring an exciting new dimension today to the All-Ireland senior football championship final. Admittedly, this is not the county's debut in a decider, but the appearance is still tinged with something of that extra glamour of a first-time outing.

After all, it will be a unique experience for many when Mayo enter the final action. Unique because it is 38 years since the county last contested a championship decider, and so many will see the Mayo colours sported at this stage for the first time.

The last final engagement rang down the curtain on a golden championship era for Mayo. An outstanding team of stylish footballers, led by Sean Flanagan, who is generally rated the greatest left full back of all time, beat Meath to complete Mayo's only sequence of two All-Ireland senior titles in a row.

Few could then have envisaged that so many years would pass before Mayo again appeared in a Sam Maguire Cup tie. Jimmy Browne and his men have given the game in the county a great uplift by succeeding this year where so many fine teams failed in the past.

They have also the credentials to be in the summit with a genuine chance of victory. The Connacht champions are giving away much in All-Ireland final know-how to their opponents, but they are still a most experienced championship squad.

Dermot Flanagan, son of the legendary Sean, T. J. Kilgallon, Jimmy Bourke, Noel Durkin and Willie Joe Padden all appeared during the two All-Ireland semi-finals against Dublin in 1985 — draw and replay — and the meetings with Meath last year and Tyrone last month.

Peter Ford, Sean Maher, Kevin McStay, John Finn and Frank Noone, who helped as well to blaze the way to the final this season, have appeared in three semi-finals, if we count the replay as a semi-final in its own right.

This gives Mayo a solid framework of footballers steeled in big-match experience, and should help the Connacht champions to settle down quickly and express themselves fully against Cork.

The Westerners have also displayed in the championship a stubborn refusal to accept second best — a hunger for victory that will prove another invaluable asset in the decider.

There was strong evidence on that score in their draw and replay with Roscommon in the Connacht final. Mayo had to come from two points behind at a vital stage in the second half of the first clash at Castlebar to ear a draw, and in the replay at Roscommon they were three points adrift with just about four minutes remaining in extra time.

But they came back in great style to get the scores for a four points win, and with it a first Connacht titles double since 1951.

Then, there was last month's semi-final win over Tyrone. When the Ulster champions scored the only goal of the game thirteen minutes into the second half to go three points clear, the outlook did not appear bright for Mayo.

However, these great-hearted footballers once again showed how well they thrive on battling back from behind. They rallied so well that in the final 16 minutes they chalked up six points and did not concede a single score!

With such a fierce will-to-win as this to back up their skills, and all round balance and big-match experience, Mayo are undoubtedly back again as a team with the potential for an All-Ireland title.

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Pictured above are the Galway 1964 All-Ireland champions:
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Front Row (from left to right): Martin Newell, Pat Donnellan, Christy Tyrell, Sean Cleary, John Donnellan (captain), John (Bosco) McDermott, Johnny Geraghty, Cyril Dunne, Brian Geraghty, Tommy Keenan, Tom Sands.

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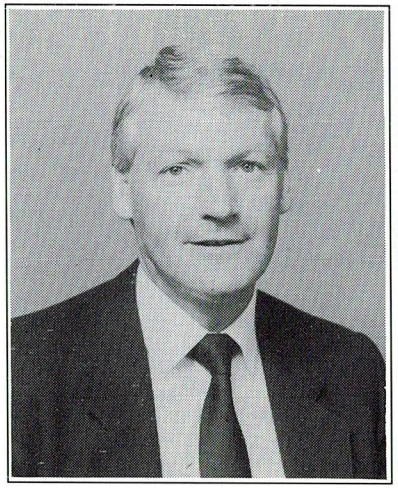
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Today's Mayo-Cork clash is the fifth championship meeting of the counties. All four previous meetings were at the semi-final stage, with victory going to Cork on three occasions and Mayo being successful in the last confrontation in 1916, which was on a replay at Croke Park arising from a Cork objection to Mayo who had won the first game at Athlone.

The details of the meetings are:

1901 — Cork 4-16; Mayo 0-1
Mayo with the wind opened the scoring, but Cork were soon making the running and led by 0-5 to 0-1 at the interval at Limerick. The second half was hopelessly one-sided, and with O'Neill, McCarthy, O'Donnell and Mackessey picking off scores at will, the issue was decided even before the end of the third quarter.
Cork: S. Murphy, J. Desmond, J. Murphy, E. Allen, O. Walsh, P. O'Donnell, W. Mackessey, A. Groegar, J. Morrissy, J. O'Connor, T. O'Mahony, C. McCarthy, F. Searles, W. O'Neill, J. McCarthy, P. Daly, C. McCarthy;
Mayo: M. Cassidy (capt.), J. Plover, T. Plover, P. Doherty, T. Doherty, M. Regan, J. Cahill, J. Munnelly, J. McGough, M. Flannelly, D. Gildea, P. Gavin, M. Mitchell, P. Sweeney, M. Ruane, J. O'Connor.

1906 — Mayo 0-10; Cork 0-6
Mayo won the toss, but elected to play against the breeze at the Market's Field, Limerick. On a rough surface, some of the exchanges were equally rough, and a player from each side was sidelined as Cork ran up an interval lead of 0-9 to nil. Mayo's second half efforts were commendable; but against a staunch Cork rearguard they weren't sufficient to carry the day.
Cork: M.Connors (capt.), P. Linehan, J. Linehan, P. Daly, R. O'Sullivan, T. Hallinan, C. Paye, W. Dwane, J. McCarthy, M. Twomey, M. Mehigan, T. Breen, W. Mackessey, P. Donaghue, J. Murphy, C. McCarthy, R. Flavin.
Mayo: P. Sweeney, P. Murray, T. Murray, J. D. Ryder, P. Farmer, B. Boshell, F. Boshell, J. Barret, A. Corcoran, B. Ferguson, M. Moran, T. Kilmartin, T. Gowan, M. McHugh, O. Sweeney, T. Boshell, P. Kilduff.

1907 — Cork 2-10; Mayo 0-2
A surprisingly small crowd saw an unfinished game (again Limerick was the venue). In a bright opening Fitzgerald (Mayo) and O'Neill (Cork) exchanged points. Parity reigned for five minutes and then Mackessey had two quick points to put Cork on the way. In a dour second period Cork extended their lead to 14 points, before the referee ordered a Mayo player off with six minutes remaining; when he refused to go, the referee awarded the game to Cork.
Cork: J. Murphy, M. Mehigan, T. Donaghue, J. Shorten, J. Regan, T. Breen, J. Beckett, W. Twomey, P. O'Neill, W. Mackessey, (capt.), C. O'Shea, J. Lehane, J. Kelleher, J. O'Driscoll, J. Kent, R. O'Sullivan, R. Flavin.
Mayo: P. Murray, A. Cusson, D. Ryder, G. Fitzgerald, J. Moran, P. Farmer, D. Courell, A. Nealon, T. Murray, T. Gilmartin, W. Bushell, B. Ferguson, M. Rafter, L. Casey, M. McHugh, T. Barrett, T. Bushell.

1916 — Mayo 1-2: Cork 1-1
Cork's objection after losing the game at Athlone on October 22 gave them a second chance at Croke Park four weeks later. But Mayo again rose to the occasion, as Cork, with five changes from the first meeting, failed to lift their game to the same plane as the Westerners. Still, there was only a point in it when the full-time whistle sounded with Mayo through to the final for the first time.
Mayo - D. F. Courell (capt.), P. Loftus, J. E. McEllen, B. Durkan, T. Gibson, P. Robinson, P. Kelly, J. Lyden, J. Hession, T. Boshell, P. Jordan, T. Forde, P. Smith, T. Ruane, T. Lyons
Cork - P. O'Connell (capt.), J. Ryan, P. Fitzgerald, W. Moore, R. O'Connor, W. Murphy, C. Lucey, J. Lynch, R. O'Brien, R. Swain, M. Sullivan, J. Donovan, W. Power, D. Mehigan, A. Hallinan. Subs - J. Casey, H. Linahan, J. M. O'Connor

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Tá Nuacht sa Chraobhchluiche

Is deacair a shamhailt nár bhuail Corcaigh agus Maigh Eo in aghaidh a chéile sa chraobhchluiche in imeacht 102 bhliain go dtí inniu — ach is amhlaidh atá.

Ar an láimh eile dhe ní raibh an dá fhoireann chéanna sa chraobhchluiche chomh minic sin. I ndeireadh an lae níl ach ceithre chraobh sinsear ag Corcaigh agus trí cinn ag Maigh Eo.

Cuimhneoidh na 'seanóirí' dár gcuid léitheoirí ar 1945 nuair a bhí lucht leanta Chorcaí ag olagón nach raibh craobh bainte acu le cuimhne na bhfear — is é sin ó 1911. Ceithre bhliana triochad gan chraobh agus nárbh' náireach an scéal acu é, adeiridís!

Aon smaoinigh go bhfuil oct mbliana triochad imithe tharainn ó bhuaigh Maigh Eo an chraobh sinsear deireannach i 1951. Ó shin i leith ní raibh siad fiú sa chluiche ceannais gan trácht ar chraobh a bhuachan. Sa tréimhse chéanna bhí muintir na Laoi sa chluiche ceannais cúig uaire ('56, '57, '73, '87 agus '88) agus bhuaigh siad an chraobh i 1973.

I 1936 bhí nuacht sa chraobhchluiche freisin mar gurb' shin é an chéad uair gur bhuail Laois agus Maigh Eo in aghaidh a chéile. Ghnóthaigh lucht an Iarthair a gcéad chraobh an lá sin ach níor tháinig contae na hUí Mhórdha ar ais ariamh ó shin.

Tá stíl an-chosúil le chéile ag Corcaigh agus Maigh Eo agus cé nach ionann é ar fad leis an sean-stíl, is é sin, "Ceapadh agus Cic", is breá leis na coiméadaigh go bhfuil an ceapadh ard chomh mór ina thréith ag formhór na bhfear atá os ár gcomhair inniu. Ar ndóigh, níl an cic fada, a fhéadfadh dul áit ar bith, i réim chomh mór agus a bhíodh ach amháin nuar a oireann sé. Go h-iondúil is é an pas leis an gcois, chúig comrádaí, nó uaireanta leis an lámh, an cleas is coitianta le himreóirí an dá thaobh.

Tá ceathrar, ach go háirithe, ag Maigh Eo i lár an ghoirt, atá incurtha leis na himreoirí is iomráite ariamh mar cheapadóirí peile, eadhon, Liam MacÉil, Seán Ó Meachair, Willie Joe Mac Pháidín agus Tomás Mac Giolla Chailinn; bheifí ag siúl go mbeadh tionchar thar an gcoiteann ar thoradh an chluiche ag a n-éifeacht siúd san aer.

Ní h-aon dóitíní iad imreoirí Chorcaí sa réimse sin den pháirc, mar atá, Larry Ó Toimicín, Shay Ó Fathaigh, Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh agus Barra Ó Cofaigh agus d'fhéadfadh taispeántas peile sean-nóis a bheith curtha ar fáil dúinn inniu.

Tá tacaí an-láidir ag an dá fhoireann. Is ar éigin go bhfuil leath-thaca níos feárr sa tír ná Seán Mac Fhinn de chuid Maigh Eo ach má tá sé le fáil in áit ar bith is é Conor Ó Cuanacháin de chuid Chorcaí é. Tá Seán Ó Céirín ina chúlbáire muiníneach do no Muimhaigh ach is cúlbáire den chéad scoth atá ag na Connachtaigh, Liam Irwin.

Gan aon duine ar leith a lua sna tosaigh ar an dá thaobh, is féidir a rá go bhfuil an mianach iontu uilig éacht a dhéanamh ach, go dtí seo, níl sé léirithe ag ceachtar seisear go bhfuil siad in inmhe scóranna a ghnóthú, ó chian nó ó chóngar, in am an ghátair. Ach b'fhéidir go lasfaidh an splanc i lucht tosaigh cheann de na fóirne inniu agus buafaidh an fhoireann sin go héasca; má lastar sa dhá dhream é beidh sár-chluiche againn.

Ní raibh Maigh Eo in ann cúl a ghnóthú sa chluiche leathcheannais agus an dála céanna ag Corcaigh seachas an dá chic pionóis a deonadh dóibh.

Mar sin, cén toradh a bheidh ar an gcluiche? Les an taithí atá ag Corcaigh le dhá bhliain anuas agus iad cíocrach le haghaidh an bhua ní féidir dul ina gcoinne. Ach má bhualann an splanc tosaigh Mhaigh Eo agus go gcreideann an fhoireann ar fad iontu féin beidh an lá leo.

Bealach ar bith tá sár-chluiche chugainn agus an toradh amhrasach.

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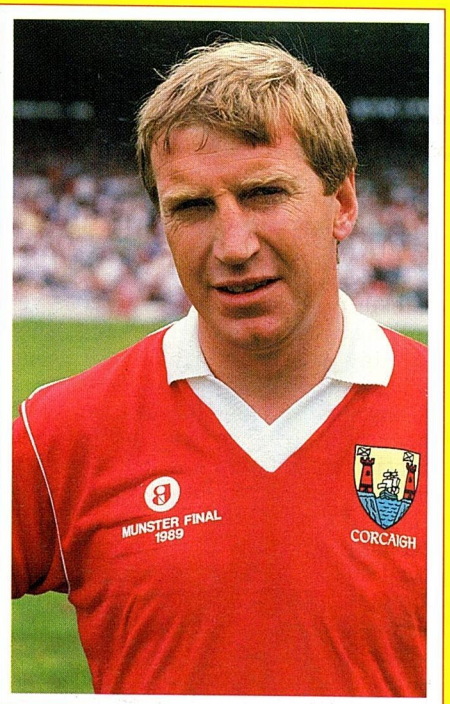
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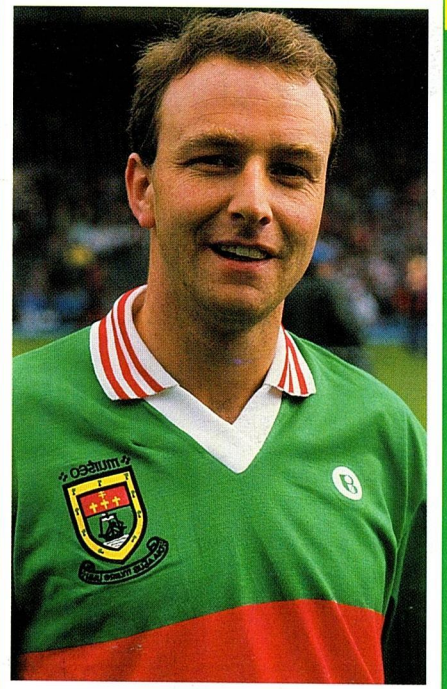
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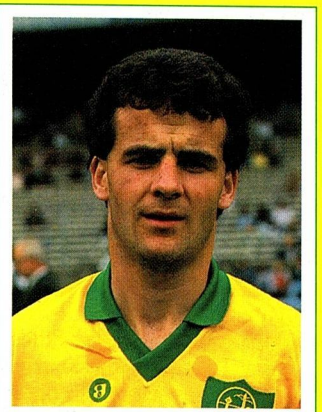


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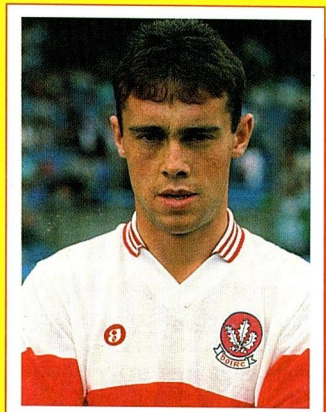


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NA MIONÚIR

Derry and Offaly have the players with the skills to open the Croke Park programme on a bright note with an exciting and spectacular All-Ireland minor football final. This is the first meeting of the counties in this championship grade.

Derry and Offaly Can Open Programme on Bright Note

Both teams came through the preliminaries in fine style. Derry gave probably their best performance of the campaign in their semi-final win over Roscommon.

They found the Connacht boys somewhat of a handful in the first half, but struck it rich after the restart. Inspired by quick goals from Dermot Heaney and James Lynn, the Ulster champions produced top-class football, and in cool, clinical fashion, powered to a decisive 18 points win — 4-16 to 1-7.

Derry are a good all round and well-balanced outfit, with a sharp attack. Their march has been helped greatly by a rich vein of experience provided by Paddy McAllister, Greg Simpson, Barry McGonigle and Roderick Skelly at the back, Anthony Tohill in midfield, and lively raiders Eamonn Burns and Eunan O'Kane.

Earlier this year all helped St. Patrick's, Maghera, to a first All-Ireland Colleges' senior title.

Offaly did not match Derry's scoring exploits in their semi-final win over Kerry. Nevertheless, they still greatly impressed with their clever, purposeful football, and took their scores with poise and assurance.

The Leinster champions got off to a great start with four early points, and never really looked back. They went on for a well-deserved and decisive 0-14 to 0-8 win, and with it earned the county a first final appearance since 1964.

That was the year that Offaly appeared in their only minor decider so far and beat Cork. A feature of their display was a very workmanlike performance and sharp finishing of centre half forward Tony McTague, who rifled over nine points.

Tony's son, Colm, is a member of the current Offaly team, and he has been maintaining the family tradition in fine style with good general play and finishing skills.

Like Derry, Offaly have much to recommend them. The are smart-moving, sound in all departments, and have plenty of potential match-winners other than McTeague.

They have an experienced framework of All-Ireland final campaigners as well. Since the Kerry game, Kevin Flynn, Finbarr Cullen, two of the big men in defence, midfielder Sean Grennan and forward Niall Hand have won All-Ireland minor hurling medals.

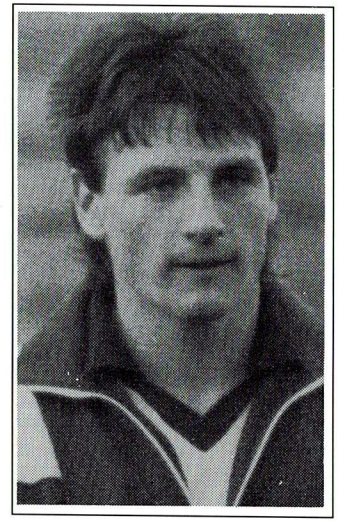
Not since 1974 when Cork completed the double for the third time has a county captured the All-Ireland minor hurling and football titles in the same year. The Cork dual medalists that season included John Crowley, Tom Cashman and Dermot McCurtain, who went on to scale such great heights as seniors.

More that the usual incentives, then, for the Offaly boys as they strive to bridge a gap of a quarter of a century on the football front, and an historic minor double for the county.

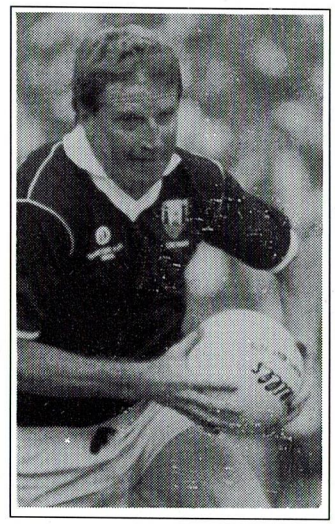
But Derry, who are in their first final since 1983, are not short of incentives either. They are in line for a first All-Ireland Colleges and Tom Markham Cup double since 1965.

St. Columb's College, Derry City, won the Hogan Cup for the All-Ireland Colleges' championship for the only time that year, and Tommy Diamond, the Derry county senior team manager of late, led the minor side to a first title in a clash with Kerry.

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OFFALY'S LONE SUCCESS



Back Row (from left to right): Tony McTeague, Johnny Coughlan, Mick Ryan, Jody Gunning, Oliver Kilmurray, Liam Duffy, Martin Furlong, Mick Byrne, Sean Evans, Michael Kenny, Paddy Byrne, Joe Flynn, Willie Bryan, Frank Lynch. Front Row (from left to right): Christy Hand, Eddie Kennedy, Joe Devery, Damien McIntyre, Sean Grogan (capt.), John Smith, Eugene Mulligan, Frank Green, Mick O'Rourke, Pat Screeney, Des Donegan, Pat Monaghan, Martin Lynch. Missing from pic. Enda Allen.

Offaly have appeared in only one All-Ireland minor final, and that was a winning one against Cork in 1964, 25 years ago. The statistics of that historic win were:
Offaly 0-15; Cork 1-11Half-time: Offaly 0-11, Cork 0-3
Offaly scorers: T. McTeague, 0-9, E. Kennedy 0-4, W. Bryan 0-1, O. Kilmurray 0-1
Team - Martin Furlong, Mick Ryan, John Smith, Johnny Coughlan, Eugene Mulligan, Sean Grogan (capt.), Liam Duffy, Oliver Kilmurray, Frank Greene, Willie Bryan, Tony McTeague, Jody Gunning, Eddie Kennedy, Damian McIntyre, Michael Byrne. Sub - Mick O'Rourke.



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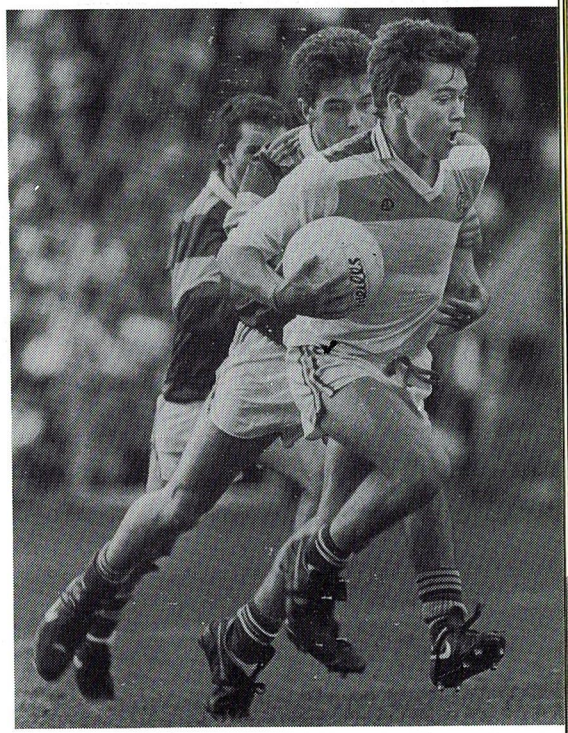
NA MIONÚIR

Derry and Offaly belong to that small group of counties which have won the under-18 title on their first appearance in the final, and a point of interest is that those initial triumphs were recorded in successive years - Offaly (1964) and Derry (1965). In recording those wins there was little to choose between he respective displays, Offaly's one point win over Cork being every bit as meritorious as Derry's more comfortable four-point conquest of Kerry, who had beaten Offaly in that 1965 semi-final.

The subsequent paths of these two fine teams diverged sharply. Derry's early promise was maintained in the Under-21 grade with the winning of the All-Ireland in 1968, a year after Offaly had gone down heavily in the second round in Leinster. But thereafter it was Offaly who made the headlines, as no fewer than nine of the 1964 minor team won senior All-Ireland medals in '71 and '72. Derry, alas, could never capitalise on those under-age triumphs, and though players like Micky Niblock, Seamus Lagan, Eddie Coleman, Tommy Diamond and Adrain McGuckian matched the best from any county in senior ranks for years, after the semi-final defeat by Kerry in 1970 the Oak Leaf county faded from the front ranks.

But if Offaly reaped rich rewards in terms of senior All-Irelands and All-Star awards on the base provided by the minor players of the mid-sixties, on inter-county minor fields in the seventies and for most of the eighties they could not match the achievements of Derry who had been consistent challengers for provincial and All-Ireland honours in that period. On the score of immediate background then, Derry appears a more formidable force than Offaly; but background, no matter how apparently relevant, is not always a factor in the heat of an All-Ireland final.

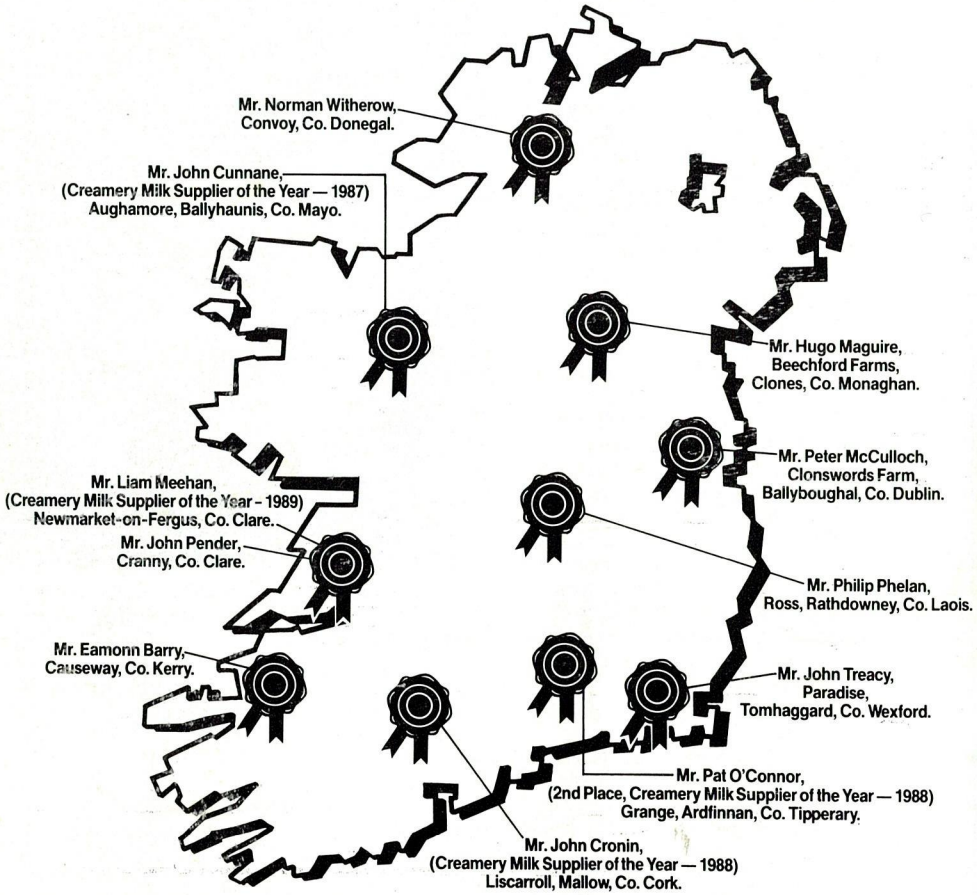
THE ONLY ONE
Four counties that have won All-Ireland minor honours - Clare, Derry, Tyrone, and Armagh - have yet to win the Sam Maguire Cup; but there is an extra dimension in this regard in the case of Derry, as they are the only county that has won All-Irelands at both minor and under-21 level and that has still to win a senior title.



Finbarr Cullen (Uibh Fháilí) races away from John Cronin (Ciarraí) during their semi-final clash.

A UNIQUE COMBINATION
It has been widely acknowledged that the Offaly minor team of 1964 was one of the most remarkable in the whole history of the under-18 championship because of the number of senior All-Ireland medalists it produced. But there was another aspect of the future achievements of the members of this team in that it was the only minor team in football or hurling to have in its ranks three men who eventually won the Texaco Award - Eugene Mulligan (1971) Willie Bryan (1972), and Martin Furlong (1982). Incidentally, the first winner of this, the most prestigious of all individual awards, was Derry's Jim McKeever (1958), the only member of a losing team in an All-Ireland final to be so honoured.

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MINORS HAVE SCORED WELL SO FAR

Derry had a high scoring march to their first All-Ireland minor football final since 1983 when Dermot McNicholl led the county to victory over Cork for a second championship since 1965.

The Northerners take their final place with a tremendous 15 goals and 66 points (111 points). They conceded 6-36 (54 points).

Offaly are appearing in their first final since 1964 when they won their only title. They scored well on the way also, although not to the same spectacular degree as their opponents.

The Leinster champions chalked up 9-51 (78 points) and had 4-38 (50 points) notched against them.

Derry won their first Ulster title in five years and eighth over-all as follows:

May 28 At Irvinestown: Derry 2-10; Fermanagh 0-11

June 18 At Clones: Derry 3-11; Cavan 2-1

July 16 At Clones: Derry 2-15; Armagh 2-3

The Foylesiders played two games in the meantime:

August 5 At Ballinascreen: Derry 4-14; New York 1-4

August 13 At Croke Park: Derry 4-16; Roscommon 1-7

Setting a brisk pace in their scoring returns is Eamonn Burns with 1-18. Eunan O'Kane is in close pursuit on 4-6, while a point further behind comes Declan Bateson with 2-11.

James Lynn scored 3-3, Dermot Heaney 2-5, Rory McEldowney 1-7, Anthony Tohill 1-5, and Ryan Murphy 1-2.

John Mulholland with 0-4, Gary Coleman 0-3, Roderick Skelly and Dolan O'Hagan 0-1 each completed the Northerners scoring returns.

OFFALY'S FINAL MARCH

Offaly, like Derry, had five games on the way to the decider. They were held to a draw in their opening encounter, but won the replay in convincing style.

This was their march to their first Leinster title since 1965 and sixth provincial crown:

May 27 At Tullamore: Offaly 2-6; Westmeath 1-9. DRAW

May 31 At Mullingar: Offaly 3-11; Westmeath 2-7. REPLAY

July 2 At Croke Park: Offaly 2-9; Meath 1-7

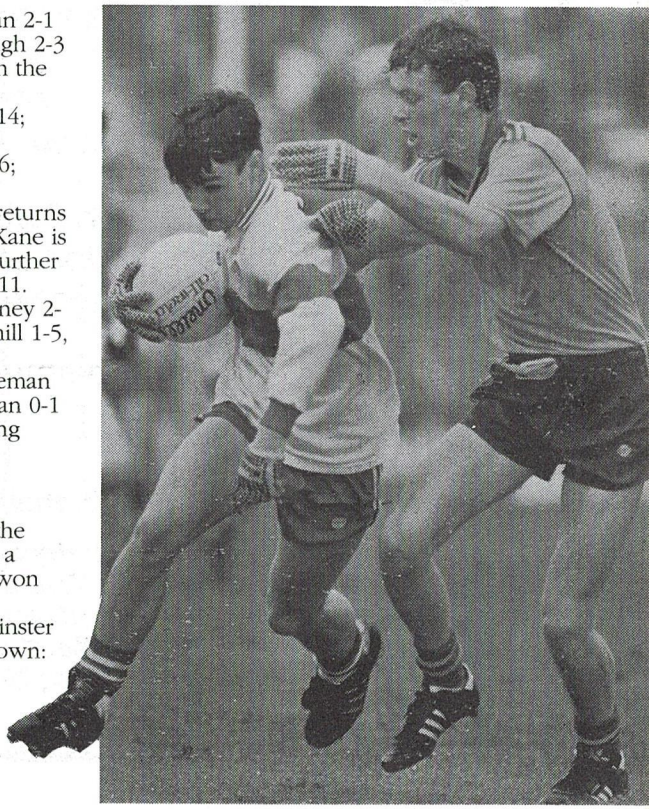
July 20 At Croke Park: Offaly 2-11; Kildare 0-7

August 20 At Croke Park: Offaly 0-14; Kerry 0-8

Top scorer for Offaly, and also the forward with the best record as far as the finalists are concerned is Damien McKeon, who has a splendid 2-18. Shane Kellaghan is blazing an impressive goals trail with 5-2, while Alan Hogan has 0-9, and Sean Grennan 1-5.

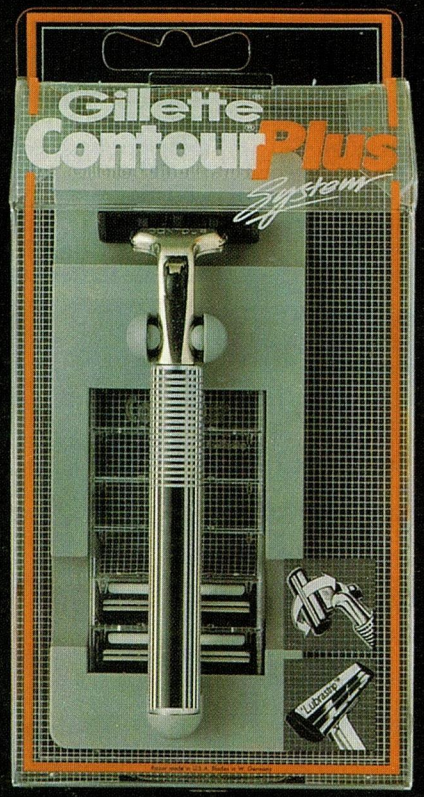
James Hiney 0-4, Finbarr Cullen 1-0, Niall Hand 0-3, Willie Reynolds 0-3, Colm McTeague 0-3, Padraic Moran 0-2, Joe Comerford and Bernard O'Brien a point each are Offaly's remaining marksmen.

Barry McGonagle (Doire) tries to evade Padraic Raftery (Ros Comáin).



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EUNAN O'KANE
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(4) S. Ó Ciaragáin
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(Nemo Rangers)

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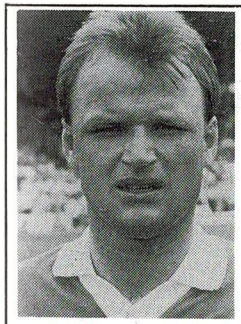
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JIMMY KERRIGAN
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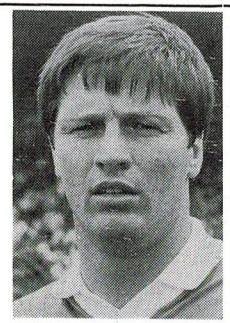
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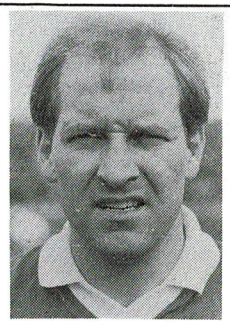
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(O'Donovan Rossa). Garda Age 24. Height 6' 1", weight 13 st. 2 lbs. Holds 1 intermediate county medal in 1985, one U-21 county medal in 1984. County honours include Munster and All-Ireland minor medals in 1981, two Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals in '84 and '85, Munster and All-Ireland junior medals in '84, 3 Munster senior football medals in 1987, '88 and '89, N.F.L. medal for 1988/89.



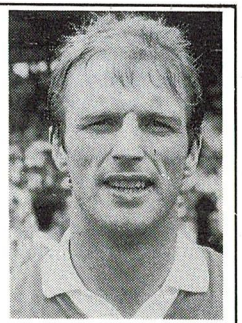
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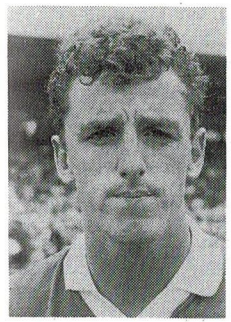
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14. DENIS ALLEN



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TEDDY McCARTHY
(Glanmire). Brewery employee. Age 24. Height 5' 11", weight 13 st.. Club honours include 1 county Intermediate football championship medal in 1987 and 2 county S.F.C. medals with divisional side Imokilly. County honours include 1 Munster minor football medal for 1983, 3 Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals for 1984, '85 and '86, 3 Munster senior football medals for 1987, '88 and '89. N.F.L. medal for 1988/89.

SHAY FAHY
(Nemo Rangers). Army Lieutenant. Age 26. Height 6' 3", weight 14 st. 7 lbs.. Holds two county senior football championship medals in 1987and '88. Two county S.F.C. medals with Sarsfields (Kildare), one Leinster U-21 medal with Kildare in 1982. Three Munster senior football medals with Cork in 1987, '88 and '89.

DAVE BARRY
(St. Finbarr's). Plumber. Age 28. Height 5' 11", weight 12st. 10lbs. Club honours include 4 county senior football championship medals. Intercounty honours include 3 Munster U-21 football medals in 1980, '81 and '82, 2 All-Ireland U-21 medals in '80 and 1981. 3 Munster senior medals in1987, '88 and '89, N.F.L. medal for 1988/89.

LARRY TOMPKINS
(Castlehaven). Carpenter. Age 26. Height 6', weight 13 st. 2 lbs.. Honours won with former club Eadestown (Co. Kildare) include one junior and one intermediate county championship medals. Three Munster senior football medals with Cork in 1987/'88 and '89, N.F.L. medal for 1988/89. All Star award, 1988.

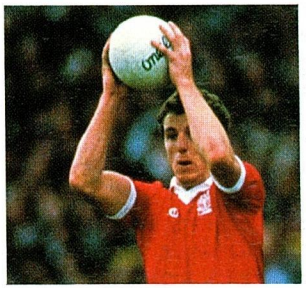
BARRY COFFEY
(Bishopstown).
Company Representative.
Age 24. Height 6"1/4", weight 14 st.. Honours won include one Munster minor medal, 1983, 3 Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals, 1984/85/86, 3 Munster senior medals for 1987/88/89, N.F.L. medal,1988/89.
Man of the Match for the Semi-final with Dublin.

PAUL McGRATH
(Bishopstown). Engineer. Age 23. Height 5"11", weight 11st. 6 lbs. Honours won include 2 Munster and All-Ireland U-21 football medals for 1985 and'86, 2 Munster senior medals for 1988 and '89, N.F.L. medal for 1988/89, Sigerson Cup medal with U.C.C., 1988.

DENIS ALLEN
(Nemo Rangers). Bank Official. Age 37. Height 5'9", weight 11st. 10lbs. Club honours include 8 county senior football championship medals, 5 Munster and 4 All-Ireland club medals. Honours won with the county include 4 Munster senior football medals, 2 N.F.L. medals in 1980 and 1988/89, one U-21 Munster and All-Ireland medals in 1971, 5 Railway Cup medals and one Munster senior hurling medal in 1974.

JOHN CLEARY
(Castlehaven). Insurance agent. Age 26. Height 5' 7", weight 11st.. Club honours include 2 U-21 county football medals in 1981 and 1983. Honours won with Cork include Munster and All-Ireland minor football medals for 1981. Munster U-21 football medals for '82 and '84 and All-Ireland U-21 medal for '84. Four Munster senior football medals for 1983, '87, '88 and '89. N.F.L. medal, 1988/89.

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A SEASON APART FOR CORK AND MAYO

This season already ranks as one apart for both Cork and Mayo. The Leesiders recorded a first-ever treble of Munster senior football championships, and Mayo completed their first Connacht titles double since 1951.
The Connacht county has also qualified for a Sam Maguire Cup tie for the first time since 1951. Cork, of course, are appearing at this stage for the third successive season.
Both counties started their campaigns on the same afternoon. Cork won all their matches at the first attempt, but Mayo played two replays plus a period of 30 minutes extra time on the way to the final.

This is Cork's record so far:
June 25 At Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Cork 0-22; Tipperary 0-6
Cork scorers: L. Tompkins 0-7, P. McGrath 0-3, D. Barry 0-3, J. Cleary 0-3, M. McCarthy 0-2, B. Coffey 0-1, O. O'Mahony 0-1, D. Walsh 0-1, D. Allen 0-1

July 23 At Killarney: Cork 1-12; Kerry 1-9
Cork scorers: L. Tompkins 0-7, J. O'Driscoll 1-1, P. McGrath 0-2, D. Barry 0-1, J. Cleary 0-1

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL
August 20 At Croke Park: Cork 2-10, Dublin 1-9
Cork scorers: J. Cleary 2-0, L. Tompkins 0-3, D. Barry 0-2, D. Allen 0-2, T. McCarthy 0-1, J. O'Driscoll 0-1, P. McGrath 0-1.

The Munster Champions line out with 3-44 (53 points) to their credit. They had 2-24 (30 points) scored against them.

Setting their scoring standard for the third successive year is Larry Tompkins with 0-17. He is followed by John Cleary with 2-4. Both goals were scored from penalties against Dublin in the semi-final.
Paul McGrath and Dave Barry each have 0-6, John O'Driscoll 1-2, Denis Allen 0-3, and Michael McCarthy 0-2. Barry Coffey 0-1, Denis Walsh 0-1, Teddy McCarthy 0-1, and Eoin O'Mahony 0-1, completed the Cork scoring returns.

THE MAYO MARCH
Mayo played two games more than Cork:
June 25 At Tuam Stadium: Mayo 1-8; Galway 1-8. DRAW
Mayo scorers: M. Fitzmaurice 0-4, S. Maher 1-0, N. Durkin 0-1, L. McHale 0-1, A. Finnerty 0-1, J. Finn 0-1.

July 9 At Castlebar: Mayo 2-13; Galway 1-8. REPLAY
Mayo scorers: M. Fitzmaurice 0-5, L. McHale 1-0, A. Finnerty 1-0, S. Maher 0-2, F. Noone 0-2, D. Flanagan 0-1, W. J. Padden 0-1, J. Burke 0-1, K. McStay.

July 23 At Castlebar: Mayo 0-12; Roscommon 1-9, DRAW
Mayo scorers: M. Fitzmaurice 0-6, W. J. Padden 0-2, N. Durkin 0-1, K. McStay 0-1, D. Flanagan 0-1, T. J. Kilgallon 0-1

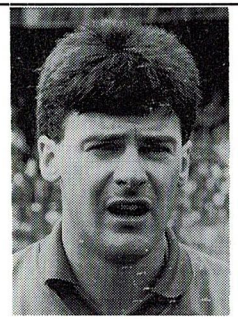
July 30 At Roscommon: Mayo 3-14; Roscommon 2-13. REPLAY. In extra time.
Mayo scorers: M. Fitzmaurice 0-5, J. Burke 1-1, A. Finnerty 1-1, L. McHale 0-3, N. Durkin 1-0, W. J. Padden 0-2, K. McStay 0-2.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL
August 13 At Croke Park: Mayo 0-12; Tyrone 1-6
Mayo Scorers: M. Fitzmaurice 0-6, D. Flanagan 0-1, S. Maher 0-1, L, McHale 0-1, N. Durkin 0-1, K. McStay 0-1, B. Kilkelly 0-1.

The Connacht champions scoring returns are 6-59 (77 points) for, and 6-44 (62 points) against.

By far their ace marksman and also comfortably ahead of Cork's No. 1 is Michael Fitzmaurice on 0-26. Anthony Finnerty is the goal expert with 2-2, his first from the penalty spot against Galway in the replay.

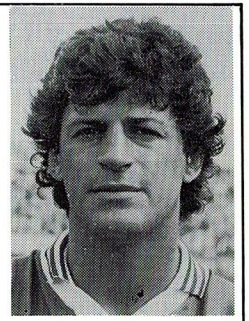
Liam McHale is also on eight points with 1-5, and Noel Durkin and Sean Maher each scored 1-3. Kevin McStay 0-5, Willie Joe Padden 0-5, Jimmy Burke 1-1, Dermot Flanagan 0-3, Frank Noone 0-2, T. J. Kilgallen 0-2, and John Finn 0-1, and Brian Kilkelly 0-1 completed the returns.



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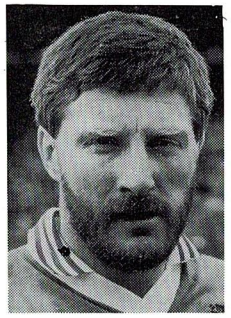
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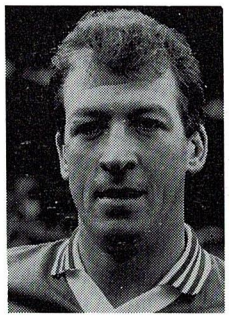
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5. MICHAEL COLLINS



6. T. J. KILGALLON



7. JOHN FINN

MAIGH EO

GABRIEL IRWIN (Glenamoy). Age: 24. Height: 5'10". Weight: 11st. 7lbs. Garage Owner. Garbriel has 3 Senior, 1 All Ireland U-21 and 1 All-Ireland Vocational School's Medals.

JIMMY BROWNE (Ballina Stephenites). Captain. Age: 29. Height 5'9½", Weight: 11 st. 7lbs. A Printer by trade he has won 2 Connacht Senior Medals and N.F.L. Division 2 Medal, '86.

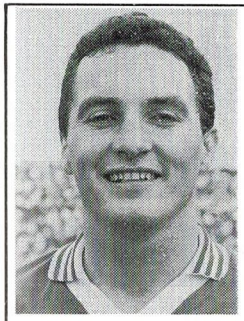
PETER FORDE (St. Mary's, Sligo). Age: 26. Height: 6'0". Weight: 13st. A Teacher. Has won 3 Connacht Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21 and N.F.L. Division 2 Medals.

DERMOT FLANAGAN (Civil Service, Dublin), Age 27. Height: 6'0". Weight: 14 st. A Barrister, he has 3 Connacht Senior Medals, a N.F.L. honour and All-Star Award in 1985.

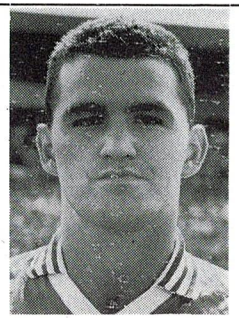
MICHAEL COLLINS (Lacken). Age: 31 Height: 5'11". Weight: 10st. 4 lbs. Farmer. Michael has 2 Connacht Senior medals.

T. J. KILGALLON (Balla). Age: 28 Height: 6' 1 ½". Weight: 13 st.6 lbs. School Teacher. T. J. has 4 Connacht Senior Medals and a N.F.L. award and 1 Connacht medal.

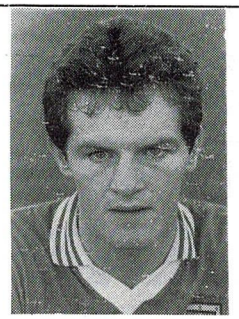
JOHN FINN (Mayo Gaels). Age 26. Height: 6'0". Weight: 12st. A Company Representative. He has 3 Connacht Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21 and 1 N.F.L. Medal.



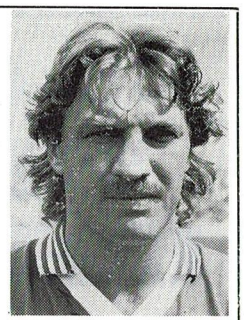
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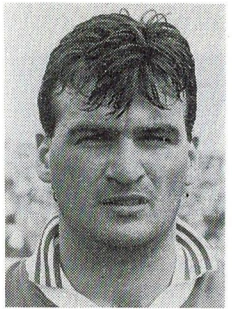
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SEAN MAHER (Civil Service, Dublin). Age: 26. Height: 6 2". Weight 14 st.9 lbs. A Company Representative. He has 3 Connacht Senior, and1 All-Ireland U-21 Medal.

LIAM McHALE (Ballina Stephenites). Age: 24. Height: 6'5½". Weight: 15 st.. Sports Director, Liam has won 2 Connacht Senior Medals and N.F.L. Medal in '86. An International Basketball player.

GREG MAHER (Claremorris), Age: 24. Height: 6' 2". Weight: 14st. 6lbs. Meat Processing Technician. All-Ireland minor medal 1985. Connacht senior medal 1989.

WILLIE JOE PADDEN (Belmullet). Age: 30. Height 6'1". Weight: 13st. ESB Employee. He has 4 Connacht Senior Medals, 1 N.F.L. award,and a Bank of Ireland All-Star.

NOEL DURCAN (Ballaghaderreen). Age 25. Height: 6' 0". Weight 13st. An Electrician. He has 3 Connacht Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21 and N.F.L. Medals.

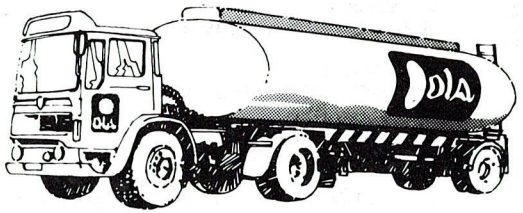
MICHAEL FITZMAURICE (Lacken). Age 22. Height: 5'11", Weight: 12 st. Family Business, Captain of All Ireland winning Minor team in 1985.He has 1 Connacht Senior Medal.

JIMMY BOURKE. (Aughamore). Age 33 Height: 6' 0". Weight: 14½st. A Plumber by trade. He has 4 Connacht Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21 and N.F.L. Medals.

KEVIN McSTAY (Ballymun Kickhams, Dublin). Age 26. Height: 5'10". Weight: 12st. An Army Officer. He has 3 Connacht Senior and1 All-Ireland U-21 and 1 N.F.L. Division 2 medals, An All-Star in 1985.

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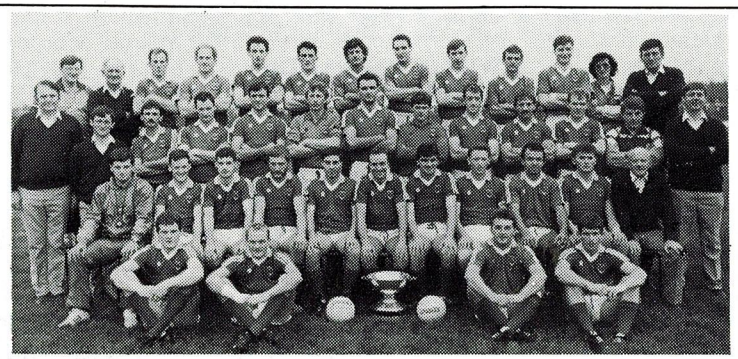


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A FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Cork and Mayo meet in an All-Ireland senior football championshiip final today for the first time. The Munster county's last clash with Western opposition at this stage ended in a victory over Galway in 1973.

Mayo have won three finals, and the opposition in each was provided by a team from Leinster.

In other final appearances by Mayo teams, the county met Munster opposition only once, that was in 1932 when Kerry won by three points.

Mayo's last bid for the Sam Maguire Cup ended in success with a 2-8 to 0-9 win over Meath in 1951, in a game in which they were defending champions.

Cork's last Sam Maguire Cup triumph was gained at the expense of Galway in 1973, when Billy Morgan captained the side to a clear-cut win in a game of five goals. Cork won by 3-17 to 2-13.

The Leesiders lost the Cup eleven months later following a defeat from Dublin in the semi-final, and had to wait until 1987 for their next appearance in the top match of the football year.

THE WINNERS' RANKINGS

30: KERRY:
1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986.

21: DUBLIN:
1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983

7: GALWAY:
1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966

5: CAVAN:
1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952

5. MEATH:
1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988

5. WEXFORD:
1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

4:	**CORK:**	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973
	KILDARE:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928
	TIPPERARY:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920
3:	**DOWN:**	1960, 1961, 1968
	LOUTH:	1910, 1912, 1957
	MAYO:	1936, 1950, 1951
	OFFALY:	1971, 1972, 1982
2:	**LIMERICK:**	1887, 1896
	ROSCOMMON:	1943, 1944

Rolla Churaí

Cork and Mayo belong to that exclusive group of counties which have won All-Ireland honours in four grades of football - senior, junior, under-21 and minor, with Cork showing the better overall return from their finals at every level.

Cork's total of 26 titles is made up of:
Senior (4) - 1890, 1911, 1945, 1973
Junior (7) - 1951, 1953, 1955, 1964, 1972, 1984, 1987
Under-21 (8) - 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989
Minor (7) - 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981

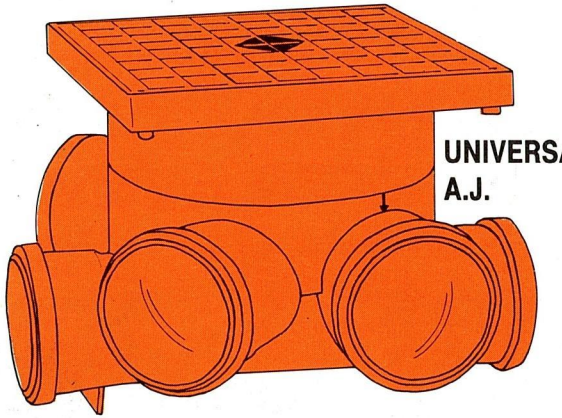
Mayo's 15 titles:
Senior (3) - 1936, 1950, 1951
Junior (3) - 1933, 1950, 1957
Under-21 (3) - 1967, 1974, 1983
Minor (6) - 1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1985

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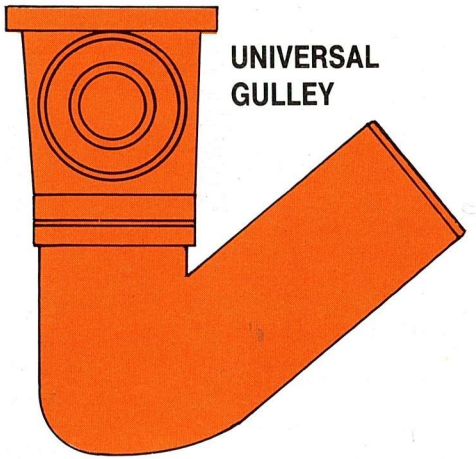
When Mayo won the All-Ireland senior title for the first time in 1936 they were exceptionally well served by an attack which ran up 4-11 against Leinster champions, Laois. Very much in the van for Mayo that day were the Munnelly brothers, Josie and Patsy, who between them accounted for 3-3 (1-2 and 2-1 respectively) of the total. By each raising the green flag they became only the second pair of brothers to score goals in an All-Ireland senior football final.

Twenty years previously, Gus and John Kennedy of Wexford were goal-scorers when Mayo were beaten in the final. Since then, although many sets of brothers have featured in All-Ireland finals, only the Landers of Kerry have managed to find the net ... but they didn't do it on the same day, so leaving the Kennedys and the Munnellys sharing a very special distinction.

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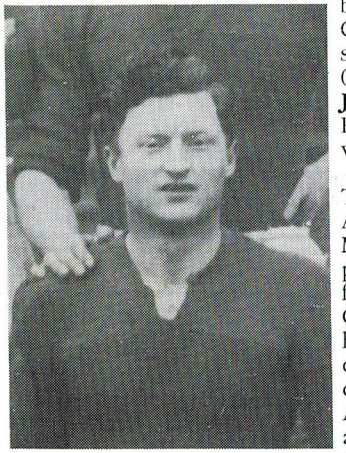
The importance of a competent penalty taker to a team with All-Ireland ambitions was dramatically illustrated in Cork's semi-final win over Dublin when John Cleary's two efforts from 'the spot' played a big part in putting the Rebel county into the final.

It wasn't the first time that the accuracy of a penalty taker has had a bearing on the outcome of an important game, and indeed, the conversion or missing of a 'spot kick' has decided the destination of the honours in a semi-final ... or final.

Strangely, while penalties in semi-finals are not particularly well-documented, such awards in a final have been visited with the full media attention, especially in recent years.

Early All-Ireland finals were devoid of penalties as defenders were careful to confine their indiscretions to the area outside the parallelogram (that was when there was only the 'small square'), but with the introduction of the 'large square' in 1974, penalty kicks became quite common in all championship games, but of course, the spotlight has been very much on such awards in All-Ireland finals.

Not that penalties were unknown in the finals of earlier years ... but they were few and far between in the 30 years preceding the 1974 decision. In fact, in the first 60 years of the championship **not one** penalty was awarded in an all-Ireland final, and it was as late as **1948** before a goalkeeper had to face a 14-yard kick on his own. This was the day when Mayo's great second-half rally forced Cavan to concede a penalty which **Padraic Carney** sent past J. D. Benson to earn a special niche in football history.



Padraic Carney

Armagh's **Bill McCorry** blazed his 'spot-kick' wide of the Kerry posts at a vital stage of the '53 final, but **Paddy Doherty** made no mistake when he took Down's penalty against Kerry in 1960.

When Down retained the title the following year there was the celebrated case of the Tommy Greene penalty 'that wasn't', but there was no doubt about the Roscommon award in the 1962 final or the conviction with which **Don Feely** put it past Johnny Culloty.

There was a 'moratorium' of spot kicks for the next eleven season, until the year of 'the big square' brought Paddy Cullen's dramatic and vital save from **Liam Sammon** (1974) and two years later **Jimmy Keaveney** left Paudie O'Mahony helpless with his effort.

The second appearance of Armagh in a final saw **Paddy Moriarty** entrusted with two penalties in 1977. He scored from the first, but Paddy Cullen's reflexes deprived him of the unique distinction of being the only player to convert two penalties in an All-Ireland final. Cullen was again involved when **Mikey Sheehy** netted for Kerry in the '79 final, before **Martin Furlong** deprived **Sheehy** and Kerry, in '82 when the five-in-a-row dream was smashed.

The finals of '83 and '84 provided no opportunities for the placekickers, but it was **Jack O'Shea** who restored their role when beating John O'Leary in 1985. The great Kerry midfielder was again at the centre of things when he crashed his shot off the crossbar against Tyrone in '86, in a game which saw **Kevin McCab**e lift his drive over the bar to make Kerry's eventual comeback that bit easier.

Since then no penalties have been awarded, but on the law of averages and past experience, the marksmen could be called into action again today.

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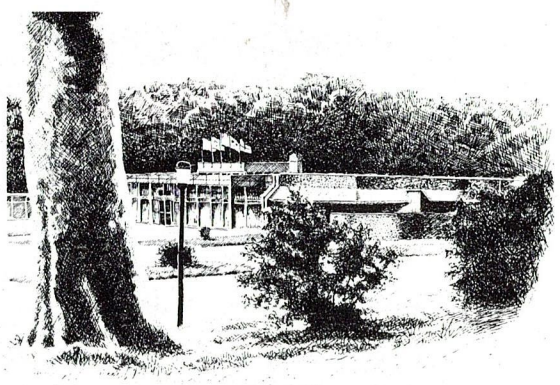
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Mayo's day of glory was on November 22, 1908 at Jones's Road when they overcame a powerful Kerry selection in a game that produced many thrilling passages.

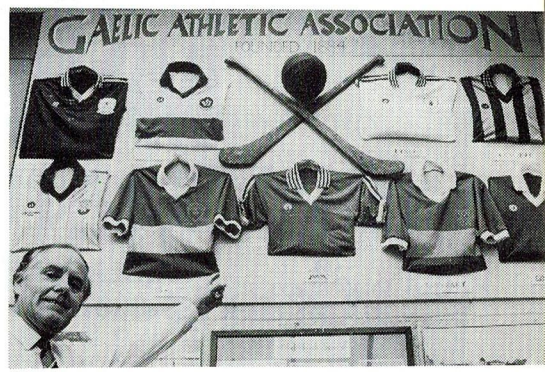
Led by Andy Corcoran of Ballina, Mayo with the assistance of the breeze, ran up an interval lead of 1-5 to 0-1 - Gerald Fitzgerald's brilliant goal at the 20th minute being the highlight of the opening period.

Inevitably Kerry came storming back in the second half, and the Mayo defence was subjected to a terrific pounding; but Michael McHugh, Luke Casey, Bartley Fergueson, Michael Rafter and Paudge Sweeney were magnificent as Mayo held out for an historic victory on the score of 1-8 to 0-5.

Mayo scorers: G. Fitzgerald 1-1, A. Corcoran 0-4, D. Ryder 0-1, P. Kilduff 0-1.

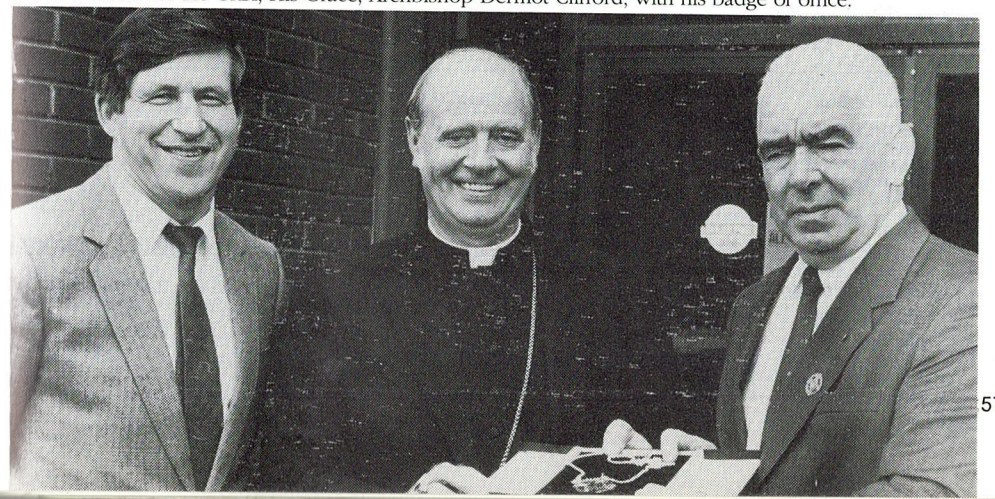
The team which brought the first national title across the Shannon was: Andy Corcoran (capt.), Willie Boshell, Tom Gilmartin, Michael McHugh, Bartley Fergueson, Luke Casey, Patrick Farmer, D. F. Courell, Tom Barrett, John Moran, Patrick Kilduff, Gerald Fitzgerald, Ernie Boshell, Tom Boshell, David Ryder, Michael Ryder, Paudge

CORK & MAYO FEATURE IN KNOCK EXHIBIT



Pictured is John Gallagher, curator of the new Knock Folk Museum, with the permanent GAA display which is a feature of the museum, and which was installed as a result of the tremendous pubic reaction to a special exhibition which was held on the history of the GAA. Cork people have had a special relationship with the Shrine at Knock over the years and, in fact, Cork was the first GAA team to use the Airport when they flew in to play Mayo in a League encounter.

Pictured below are Liam Mulvihill, Ard Stiúirthóir CLG and John Dowling, Uachtaráin CLG, presenting the new Patron of the GAA, His Grace, Archbishop Dermot Clifford, with his badge of office.



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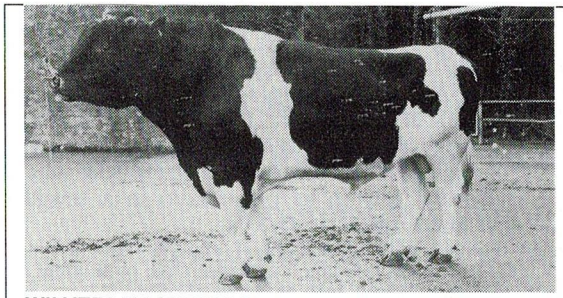
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Cork and Mayo competed in Division II of last season's Royal Liver National Football League. The Leesiders won promotion, and went on to capture the title.

Mayo finished with nine points from seven games, two points less than Cork and Cavan. Cavan also went up with the Leesiders.

Interestingly enough, Cork and Mayo met in the first round, and the Munster champions sustained their only defeat of the campaign.

October 23. At Charlestown: Mayo 0-12; Cork 1-4.
Cork fielded a much changed team from that beaten by Meath in the All-Ireland final replay, and started promisingly. Michael Twomey gave them a big boost with a goal in the 14th minute, and Paul McGrath put over four points to leave Cork ahead at the break by 1-4 to 0-1.

However, Mayo came more into the match on the restart. Points by Anthony Finnerty, Brian Kilkelly and Frank Noone revived the Mayo hopes, and they went on for a good win. They did not concede a score to Cork in the half.

MAYO: E. Lavin, J. Browne, M. Collins, D. Kearney, F. Noone, D. Flanagan, J. Finn, W. J. Padden, T. J. Kilgallon, A. Finnerty, L. McHale, N. Durkin, B. Kilkelly, P. Brogan, M. J. Mullin.

CORK: J. Kerins, M. Farr, T. Davis, M. Murphy, T. Mannix, B. Coffey, M. McCarthy, S. Dineen, C. O'Connell, P. McGrath, E. Lyons, B. Lotty, M. Twomey, J. O'Driscoll, D. Davis.

Substitutes: P. O'Connell for Mannix. N. Murphy for Farr. J. Neville for P. O'Connell.

AND A DIVISION I WIN

Mayo had Cork as visitors to Charlestown in November 1987 in a first round game in Division I of the National League, and won by 2-8 to 0-7.

Willie Joe Padden at centre half back, Jimmy Browne, Padraig Brogan and Liam McHale at midfield, and left full forward Joe Lindsay, who scored both goals, were best for Mayo. Tony Davis, Niall Cahalane, Michael Slocum and Barry Coffey were Cork's leading lights.

CORK ON TOP

Dave Barry, Teddy McCarthy, Conor Counihan, Tony Davis and John Kerins were among the Cork men who helped their team to a clinical 1-10 to 0-3 win over Mayo at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in the 1985-86 League in March 1986.

The Mayo squad included Dermot Flanagan, Frank Noone, Noel Durkin and Jimmy Bourke.

That was Cork's last win over Mayo in League or Championship play. It was a Division II encounter. Despite the defeat Mayo were promoted, and Cork remained in Division II.

Did you know ....!

Eleven of Cork's under 21 All-Ireland winning panel of 1984 are members of the senior panel of 1989. They are: M. Magure, N. Cahalane, A. Davis, M. Slocum, T. Nation, D. Cullotty, B. Coffey, M. McCarthy, C. O'Neill, T. McCarthy and John Cleary.

SIDE-LINE CUTS

FOUR STAR
The feat of Cork footballers in recording three successive Munster final wins over Kerry has been hailed as one of Cork's greatest achievements of modern times, which it certainly was. But there is an additional dimension to the deeds of the Cork teams of the eighties that is also worthy of note: taken with the 1983 win over Kerry, the recent treble-success constitutes a unique achievement in gaelic football for any county - beating Kerry four times in one decade. Galway's three victories over the 'Kingdom' in the 1960's and Cork's own three wins in the seventies was the nearest any county had previously come to recording the 'quartet'.

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SEEKING SECOND
Today five members of the Offaly squad are seeking their second All-Ireland minor medal of the season — Finbar Cullen, Niall Hand, Kevin Flynn, Cathal Maher and Sean Grennan.

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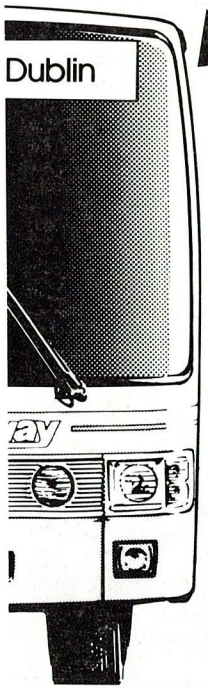
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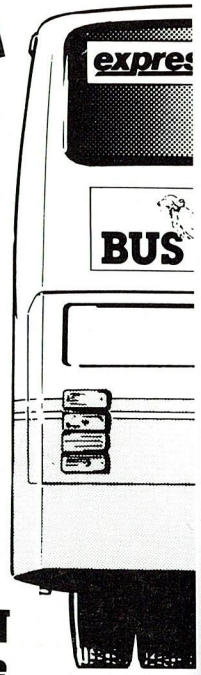
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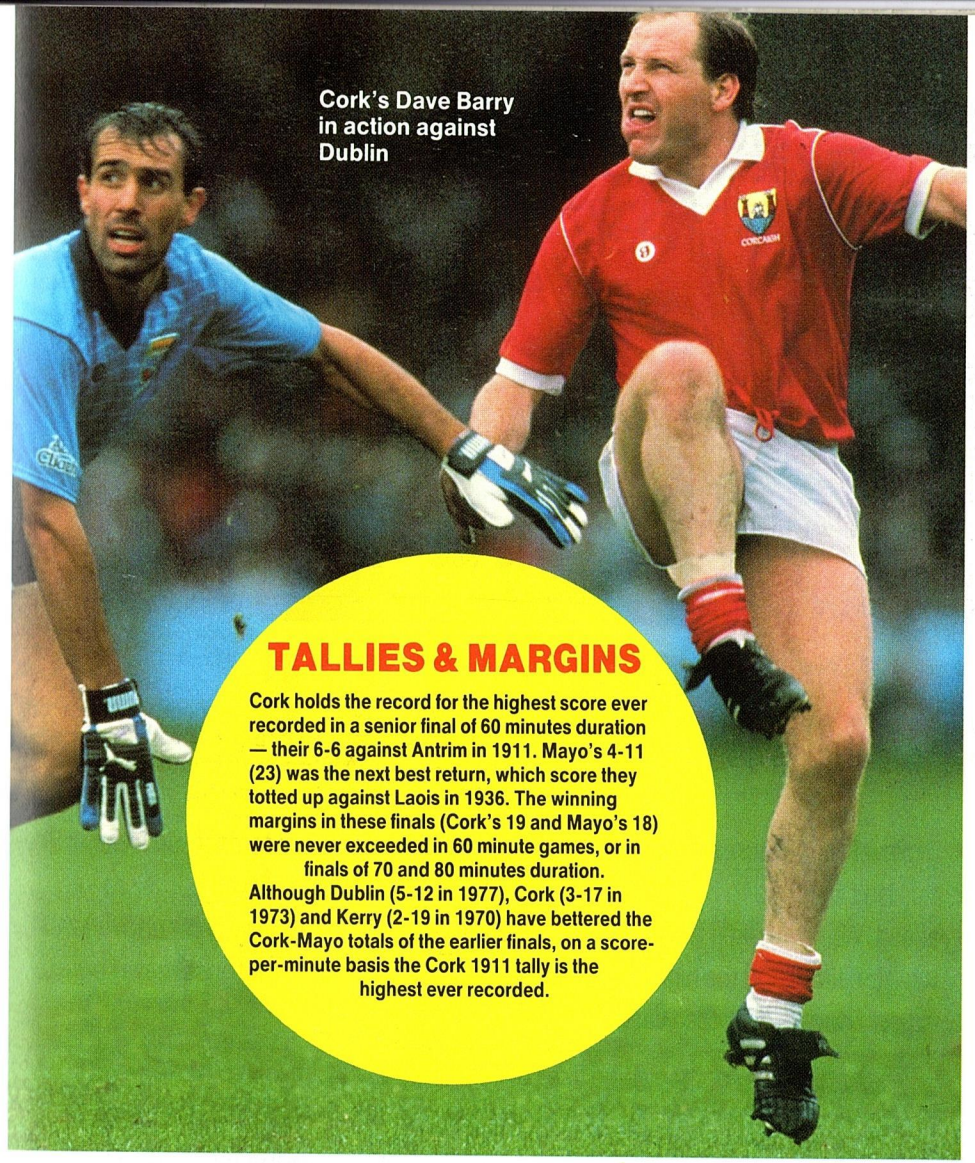
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Cork's Dave Barry in action against Dublin

TALLIES & MARGINS

Cork holds the record for the highest score ever recorded in a senior final of 60 minutes duration — their 6-6 against Antrim in 1911. Mayo's 4-11 (23) was the next best return, which score they totted up against Laois in 1936. The winning margins in these finals (Cork's 19 and Mayo's 18) were never exceeded in 60 minute games, or in finals of 70 and 80 minutes duration.

Although Dublin (5-12 in 1977), Cork (3-17 in 1973) and Kerry (2-19 in 1970) have bettered the Cork-Mayo totals of the earlier finals, on a score-per-minute basis the Cork 1911 tally is the highest ever recorded.

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The most recent 'recruit' to this group was Offaly's Liam Currams who collected his awards in his county's 1981 and '82 wins. Previously five Corkmen had attained the honour in the seventies, and in all no fewer than 15 players have won medals in both codes - eight of them from Cork.

The 15 dual medalists are:
William Spain, Nenagh: Hurling (with Dublin) 1889; Football (with Limerick) 1887
Willie Mackessy, Cork: Hurling 1903; Football 1911
Pierce Grace, Tullaroan: Hurling (with Kilkenny) 1911, 1912. Football (with Dublin) 1906, 1907
Sean O'Kennedy, Wexford: Hurling 1910; Football: 1915, 1916, 1917
Paddy Mackey, Wexford: Hurling 1910: Football: 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918
Frank Burke, Kildare:
Hurling (with Dublin) 1917, 1920. Football (with Dublin) 1921, 1922, 1923.
Leonard McGrath, Galway: Hurling: 1923. Football 1925
Jack Lynch, Cork: Hurling: 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946. Football: 1945
Paddy Healy, Cork Hurling: 1944, 1946. Football: 1945
Derry Beckett, Cork: Hurling: 1942. Football: 1945
Denis Coughlan, Cork: Hurling: 1976, 1977, 1978. Football: 1973
Ray Cummins, Cork: Hurling: 1976, 1977, 1978. Football: 1973
Brian Murphy, Cork: Hurling: 1976, 1977, 1978. Football: 1973
Jimmy Barry-Murphy, Cork: Hurling: 1976, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1986. Football: 1973
Liam Currams, Offaly: Hurling 1981. Football: 1982

HARD-EARNED

Few counties have experienced the frustration that Mayo has known in the pursuit of All-Ireland football honours in almost every grade of football.

It was only on their fourth appearance in the senior final (1936) that they took the title for the first time, having lost the finals of 1916, 1921 and 1932. In junior football they were beaten in the finals of 1914 and 1925 before winning out in 1933, and in minor it was also a case of success at the third attempt, as previous to their 1935 win over Tipperary in the final, they had been on the losing end in 1930 and '33.

Only in under-21 football did Mayo succeed at the first time of asking - when beating Kerry on a replay in 1967.

A SPECIAL CAPTAIN

When Cork regained the All-Ireland title in 1945 after a lapse of 36 years, the team was captained by Tadhg Crowley of Clonakility. Like so many Corkmen of his time, Crowley was adept at hurling and football, and in fact, was already the holder of an All-Ireland minor hurling medal gained when Cork beat Kilkenny in the 1939 final. This award earned the Clonakiltyman a special place in championship history as the only captain of a winning All-Ireland S.F. team to have won a minor hurling medal.

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CORK: Cork's century-old involvement in the championship has seen them pitted, at one time or another, against all the great powers of the game with whom they have enjoyed fortunes that fluctuated between the dismal and the magnificent. Needless to say, Kerry have been their most persistent rivals since the very beginning, but the other Munster counties have also provided opposition that has touched every decade.

In all, Cork have clashed with 20 counties in the premier competition and with eleven of those they have a better that 50% success rate. Apart from the counties they have met on only one or two occasions and have never beaten, Cork's poorest record has been against Dublin, whose dominance was broken for only the first time four weeks ago.

The statistics of the 234 championship games in which Cork have been engaged since 1887 are:

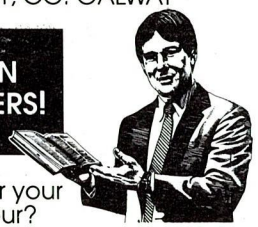
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Success Rate
Kerry	76	20	7	49	30%
Tipperary ..	37	25	0	12	70%
Waterford ..	29	24	0	5	83%
Clare	27	23	0	4	90%
Limerick	19	17	0	2	90%
Dublin	12	1	2	9	11%
Galway	8	4	1	3	57%
Cavan	5	2	0	3	40%
Mayo	5	3	0	2	60%
Meath	4	0	1	3	NIL
Wexford	2	1	0	1	50%
Kildare	2	1	0	1	50%
Kilkenny	1	0	0	1	NIL
Armagh	1	1	0	0	100%
London	1	1	0	0	100%
Antrim	1	1	0	0	100%
Louth	1	0	0	1	NIL
Offaly	1	0	0	1	NIL
Monaghan	1	1	0	0	100%
Tyrone	1	1	0	0	100%
	234	**126**	**11**	**97**	

Overall Success Rate: 57%

MAYO: Coming into the championship 14 years later than Cork, Mayo, understandably, do not have as wide-ranging a record as their opponents - having encountered only 13 different counties since their debut in 1901. Galway have always been their greatest rivals, with whom they enjoy a narrow 'credit balance', with Sligo and Roscommon also looming large over the years.

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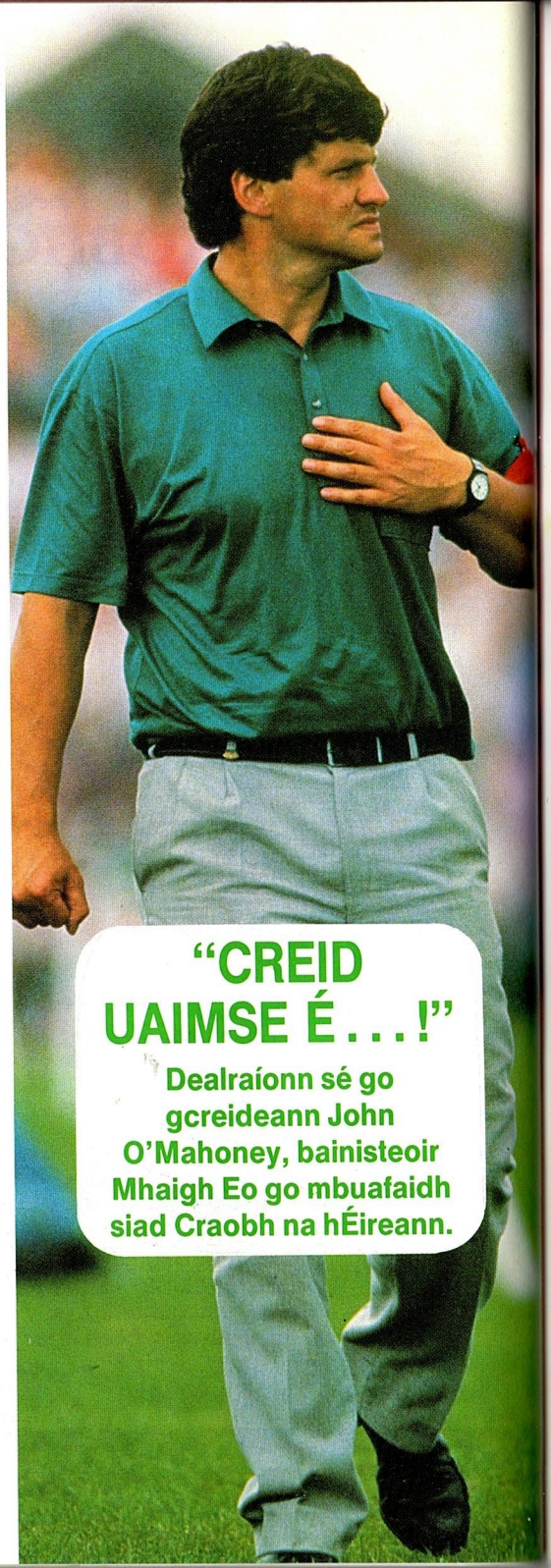
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The breakdown of Mayo's 202 championship games to date, reads:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Success Rate
Galway	59	28	5	20	52%
Sligo	41	33	3	5	87%
Roscommon ...	39	20	1	18	52%
Leitrim	23	20	2	1	95%
Kerry	17	3	2	12	20%
Dublin	6	0	2	4	NIL
Meath	4	1	0	3	33%
Cavan	3	1	0	2	33%
London	3	3	0	0	100%
Tipperary	2	0	0	2	NIL
Wexford	1	1	0	0	100%
Kildare	1	0	0	1	NIL
Laois	1	1	0	0	100%
Louth	1	1	0	0	100%
Tyrone	1	1	0	0	100%
	202	**113**	**15**	**74**	

Overall Success Rate: 60%

CONNACHT-MUNSTER ALL-IRELAND FINALS

Today's Cork-Mayo final will be the 14th involving representatives of Connacht and Munster ... the first being in 1932 when Mayo failed by a goal to Kerry. Of the 13 finals Munster have won eight, the most recent being Kerry's 1980 win over Roscommon.

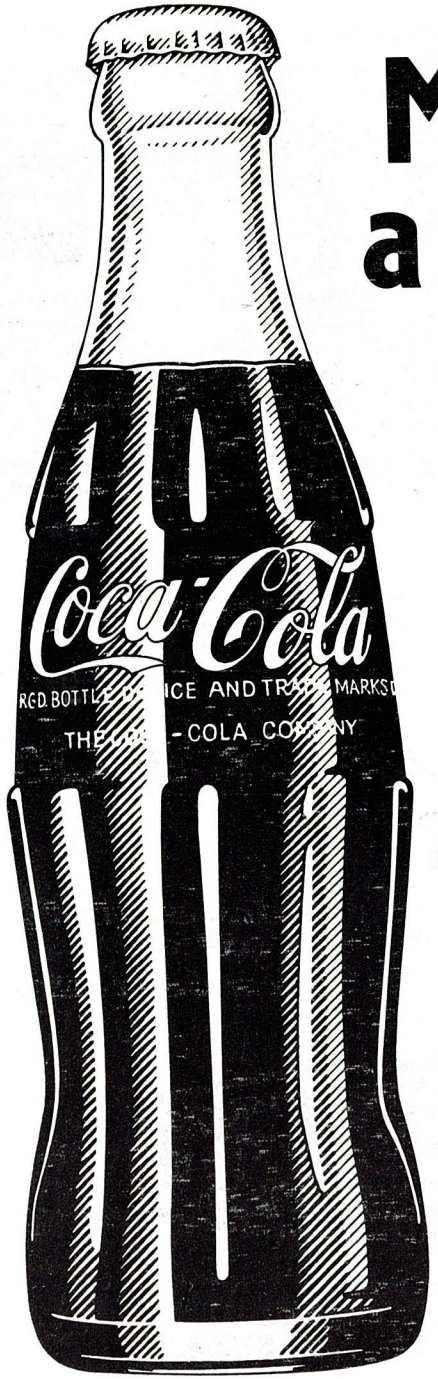
There was a Connacht-Munster 'Home' final in 1900 when Tipperary beat Galway.

The years and scorelines:

1932 - Kerry 2-7; Mayo 2-4
1938 - Galway 2-4; Kerry 0-7
1940 - Kerry 0-7; Galway 1-3
1941 - Kerry 1-8; Galway 0-7
1944 - Roscommon 1-9; Kerry 2-4
1946 - Kerry 2-8; Roscommon 0-10
1956 - Galway 2-13; Cork 3-7
1959 - Kerry 1-12; Roscommon 1-6
1962 - Kerry 3-7; Galway 1-4
1964 - Galway 0-15; Kerry 0-10
1965 - Galway 0-12; Kerry 0-10
1973 - Cork 3-17; Galway 2-13
1980 - Kerry 1-9; Roscommon 1-6 (Replay)

LITTLE TO SAY

It would be difficult to estimate the number of words that have been written and uttered about today's final during the past week. In the competing counties alone the figure must run to hundreds of thousands. All-Ireland finals didn't always call forth such comment, and in the early days the newspapers, national and local, quite often virtually ignored the final in the days preceding a final. Even the "Cork Examiner" (one of the best papers in regard to match coverage from the very beginning of the championships), had surprisingly little to say before the Cork-Antrim All-Ireland final of 1911, and the only reference to the game in the preceding week in its columns was on Saturday morning when an item appeared which ran to all of ... 130 words!



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PACKED OPPOSITION

When Cork were defeated by Dublin in the 1907 All-Ireland football final they were entitled to feel that the winning team was 'packed' as it was a Dublin team in name only, being drawn from no fewer than ten counties. With the declaration rule still a long way in the future, men from the provinces living and working in the capital had no option but to play with Dublin - which many of them did with telling effect. Of the team which beat Cork in the final at Tipperary not one was a native Dubliner, but ten counties were represented on the winning side - Kerry, Galway, Limerick, Kilkenny, Wexford, Louth, Tipperary, Clare, Kildare and Wicklow.

VITAL POINTS

To score only one point in a competitive game and still survive to a second meeting is a rare occurance in inter-county football, but Mayo not alone accomplished this remarkable feat against powerful opposition ... but did it twice! The first occasion was at Limerick on January 7, 1906 when they faced Kerry in the Croke Cup semi-final. Kerry were reigning All-Ireland champions at the time, but magnificent defensive play by Mayo (and Kerry) saw the game end 'all square' 0-1 to 0-1. Two months later, the replay at the same venue, brought improved performances from both attacks with Mayo holding on to win a great encounter by 1-2 to 0-4.

And almost 20 years later Mayo could still demonstrate their ability in low-scoring encounters when they finished level (0-1 all) with Galway in the Connacht final at Ballina. And again Mayo profited from the lesson of the drawn game as they won the replay by 2-6 to 0-5 at Tuam.

FOR THE PROVINCE

While Kerry is the only county to have supplied all 15 players to a winning Railway Cup team, the nearest any county has come to 'the Kingdom's' massive contribution to a successful provincial lineout was when Mayo had ten representatives on the Connacht team which won the St. Patrick's Day final in 1937. The ten Mayo players were: Tom Burke, Danno Regan, Henry Kenny, Patsy Flannelly, Paddy Quinn, Jackie Carney, Peter Laffey, Josie Munelly, Paddy Moclair and captain, Purty Kelly.

FIRST TITLE

Cork and Mayo enjoyed contrasting fortunes in their bid for a first All-Ireland title. Cork, represented by the Midleton club, were successful at the first attempt in 1890, but Mayo had to serve a much harder 'apprenticeship' in their search for honours as it was on their fourth appearance in the final (1936) that they were successful for the first time - 20 years after their final debut in 1916.

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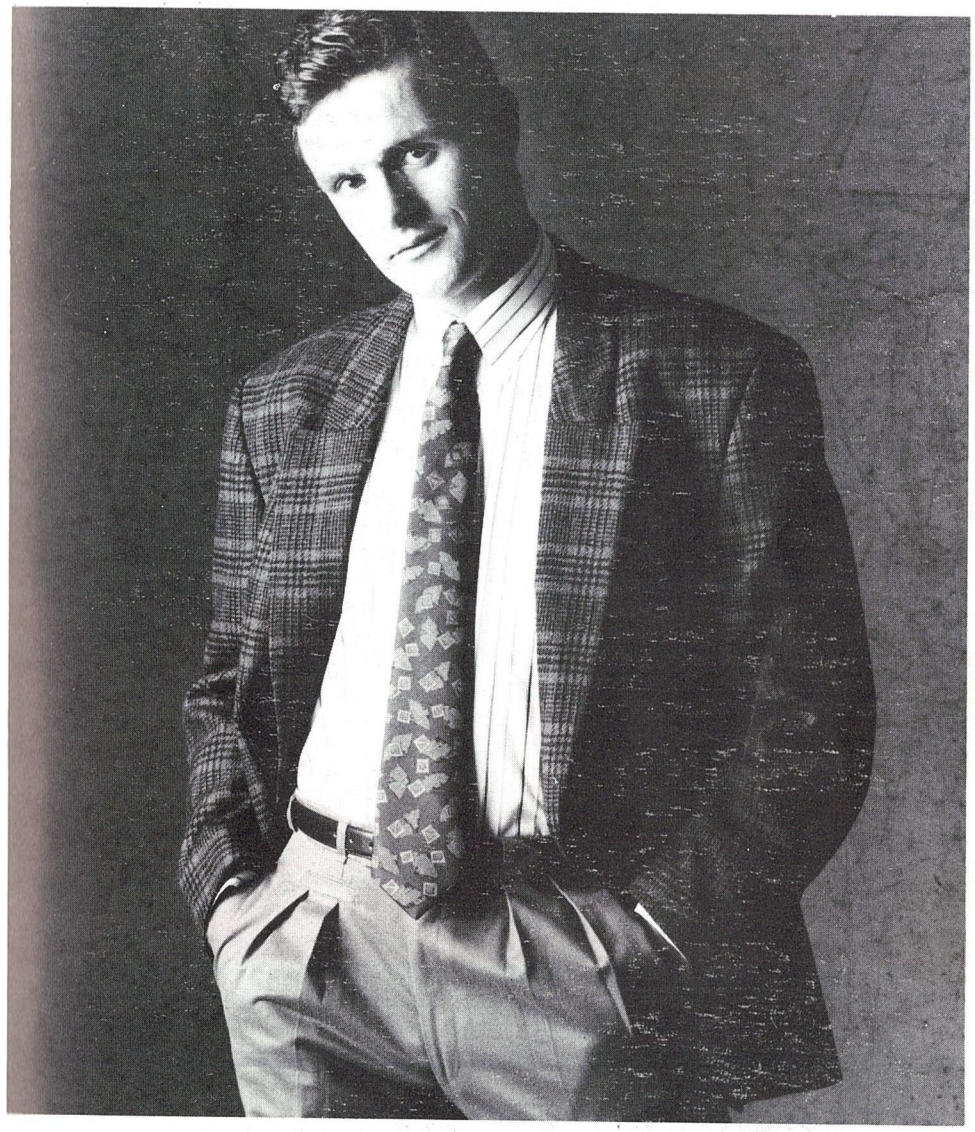
Contrary to popular belief, spectator comforts were not exactly unknown at All-Ireland finals of almost 80 years ago. Certainly, from the newspaper advertisements in the week preceding the 1911 Cork-Antrim final, it would appear that the follower with a few shillings to spare could treat himself to a comfortable view of the proceedings. For the game at Jones's Road on January 14, 1912, the basic price of admission was 6d. and the extras could be had - enclosure 1/-, sideline 2/6 and ... ***balcony*** *2/=.*

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If Cork are beaten today they will share with Galway the unwelcome distinction of being the only counties to lose three All-Ireland finals in succession.

Galway are currently the "holders" of this distinction, having lost the finals of 1940-41-42. Only once previously has a county been in the position that Cork find themselves in before this final — within a single game of losing three successive finals. This was Wexford in 1915 who, having lost the 1913 and '14 finals to Kerry, were again opposed by the 'Kingdom' in 1915. But the Slaneysiders got it right at the third attempt, winning by 2-4 to 1-1.

London actually lost four finals in a row — 1900, '01, '02 and '03, but they did not have to play a qualifying game in any of those years.

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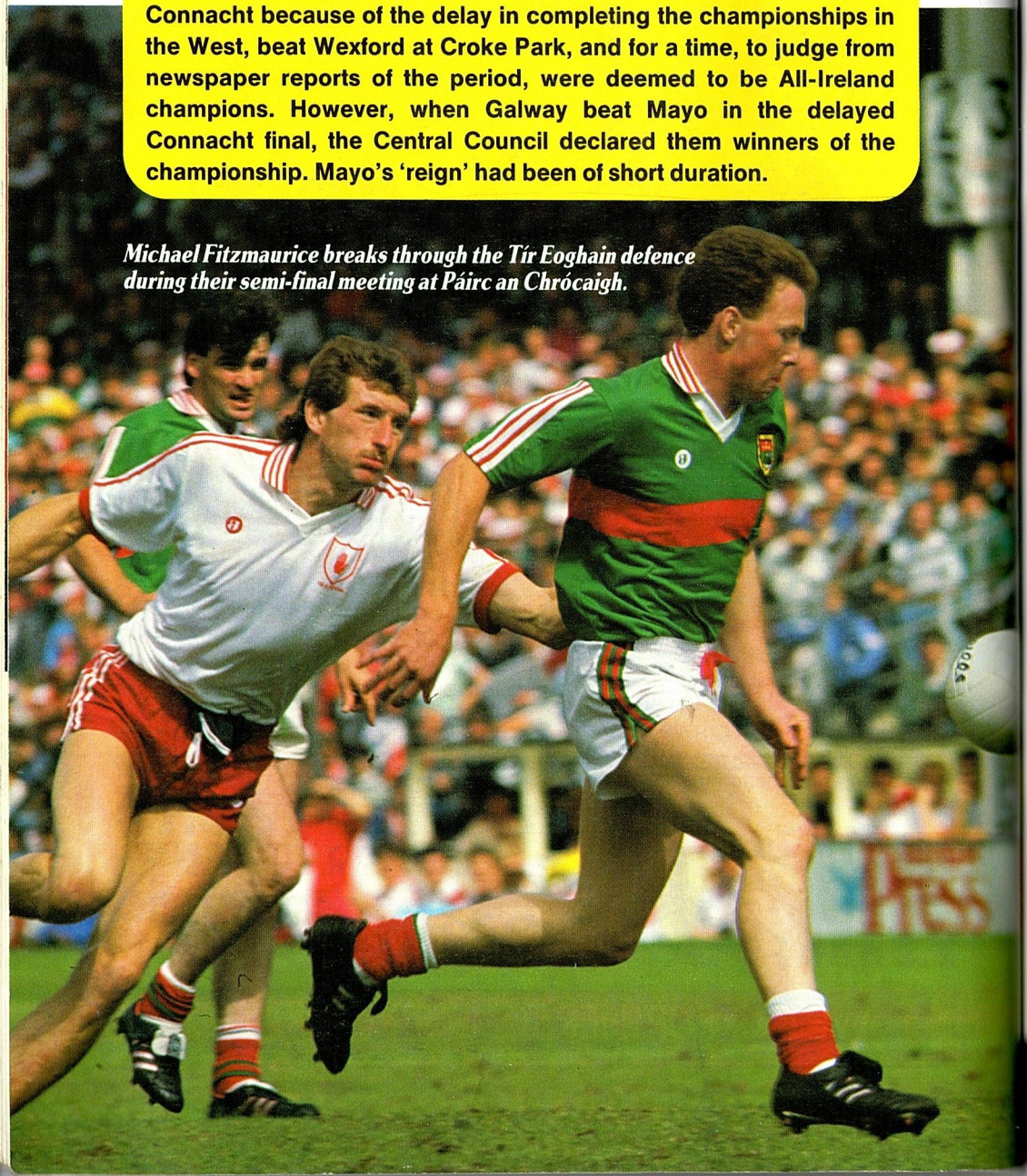
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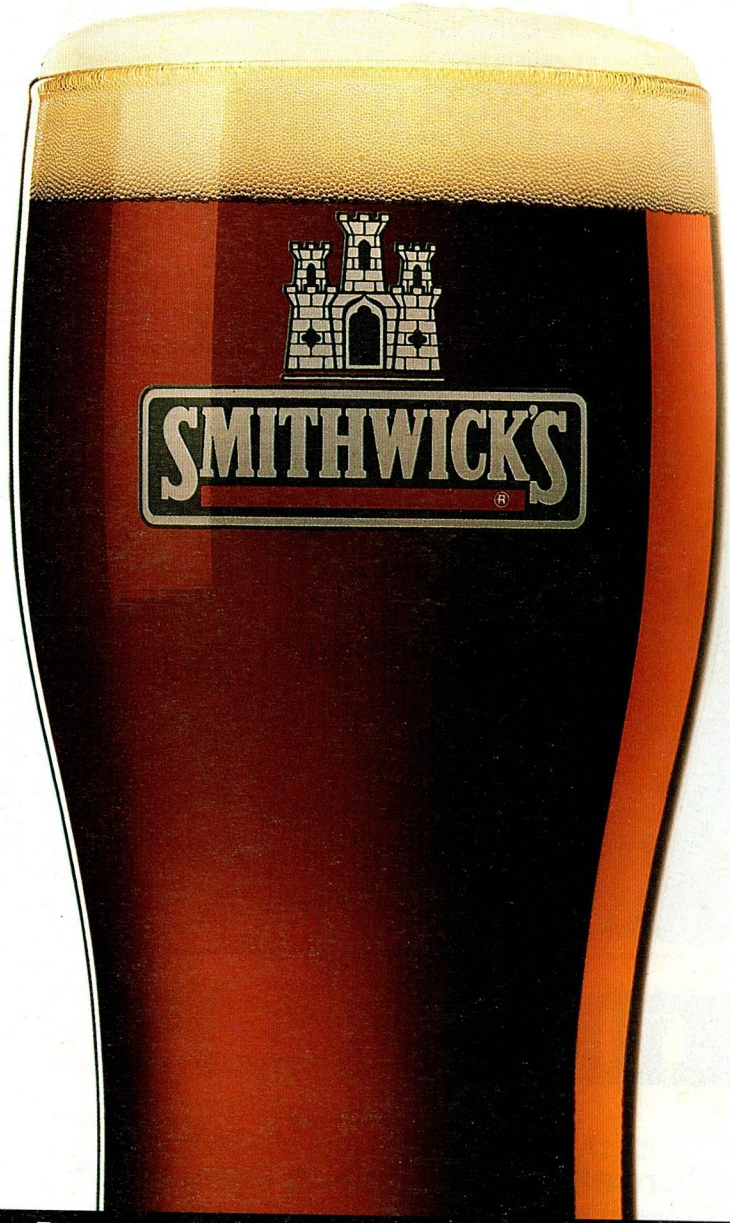
CHAMPIONS — FOR A WHILE

The 1925 championship ended in some confusion with Mayo deemed to be champions for a period of six or seven weeks. This bizarre situation came about as a result of delays and objections, the latter leading to the disqualification of semi-finalists Kerry and Cavan. In the second semi-final, Mayo, who had been nominated to represent Connacht because of the delay in completing the championships in the West, beat Wexford at Croke Park, and for a time, to judge from newspaper reports of the period, were deemed to be All-Ireland champions. However, when Galway beat Mayo in the delayed Connacht final, the Central Council declared them winners of the championship. Mayo's 'reign' had been of short duration.



Michael Fitzmaurice breaks through the Tír Eoghain defence during their semi-final meeting at Páirc an Chrócaigh.

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Although today's clash is a unique pairing for a senior final, the paths of Cork and Mayo have crossed in finals of other grades. The counties were minor finalists when Cork won their first title in 1961 on the score of 3-7 to 0-6, and in the 1984 under-21 final which was also won by Cork (0-9 to 0-6).

In the 1987 junior football 'Home' final Mayo were successful, winning by 1-11 to 1-3 at Croke Park.



Cork's corner forward Paul McGrath heads for goal.

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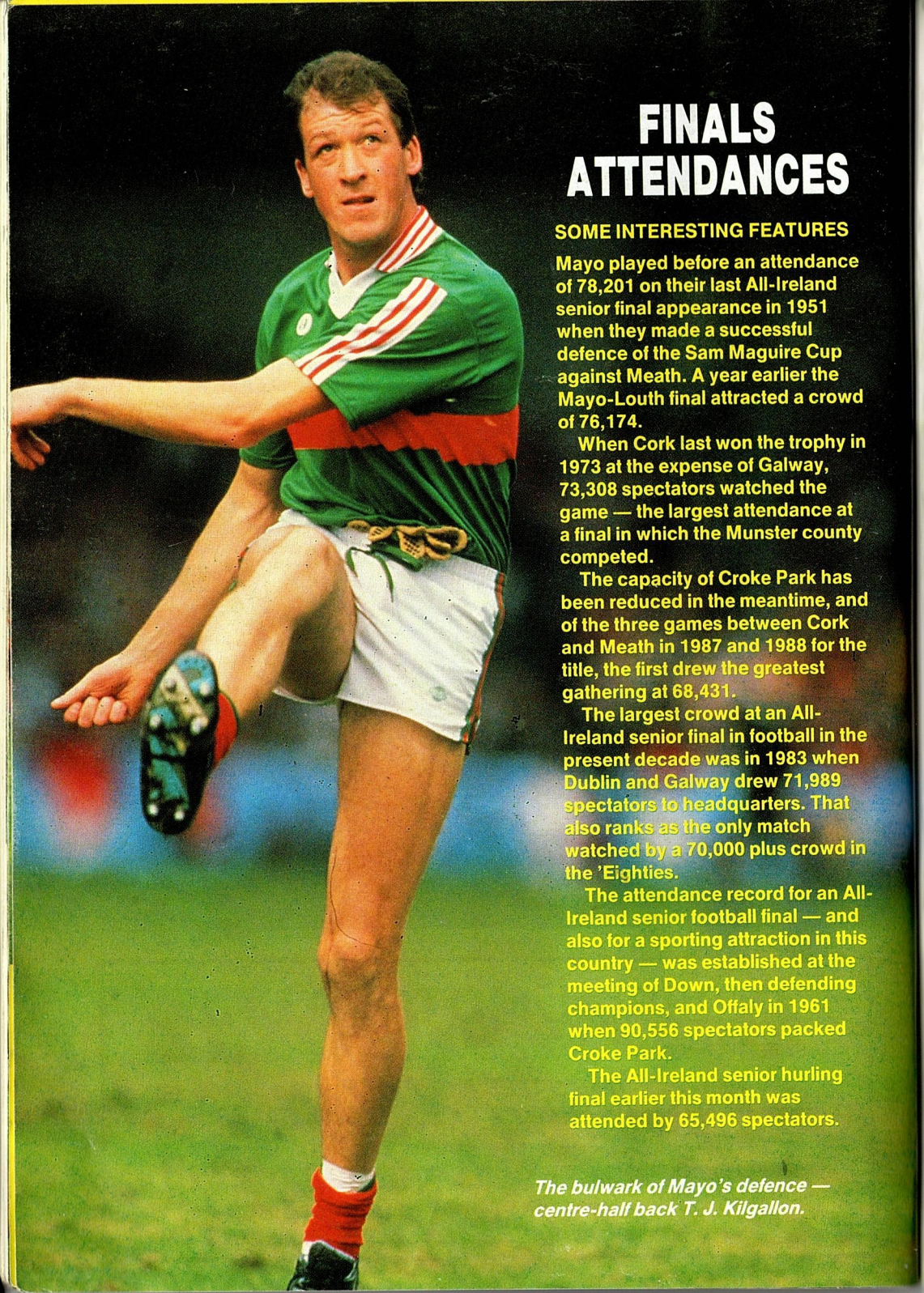
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SOME INTERESTING FEATURES

Mayo played before an attendance of 78,201 on their last All-Ireland senior final appearance in 1951 when they made a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup against Meath. A year earlier the Mayo-Louth final attracted a crowd of 76,174.

When Cork last won the trophy in 1973 at the expense of Galway, 73,308 spectators watched the game — the largest attendance at a final in which the Munster county competed.

The capacity of Croke Park has been reduced in the meantime, and of the three games between Cork and Meath in 1987 and 1988 for the title, the first drew the greatest gathering at 68,431.

The largest crowd at an All-Ireland senior final in football in the present decade was in 1983 when Dublin and Galway drew 71,989 spectators to headquarters. That also ranks as the only match watched by a 70,000 plus crowd in the 'Eighties.

The attendance record for an All-Ireland senior football final — and also for a sporting attraction in this country — was established at the meeting of Down, then defending champions, and Offaly in 1961 when 90,556 spectators packed Croke Park.

The All-Ireland senior hurling final earlier this month was attended by 65,496 spectators.

The bulwark of Mayo's defence — centre-half back T. J. Kilgallon.

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